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Dear Parents or Guardians,

In the first week of school there were several concerns and questions raised regarding the Uniformity of Dress Policy for the school district. I wanted to try to clarify some of those questions and concerns.

The Uniformity of Dress Policy has not been changed from 2015-2016. What has changed is the enforcement of the policy. Over the years, the district started to become more relaxed about some of the parts of the policy. Therefore, in order to truly understand how the policy is having an effect on the education of our students, the district needed to actually follow the rules and regulations of the policy. The Uniformity of Dress Policy and all of the school district policies are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure they are being enforced by the school district. Once the district started to truly review the Uniformity of Dress Policy, we uncovered some different interpretations of the policy that need to be addressed and worked out. For example, there is continued discussion among the administration about the difference between the color of tights and leggings. The district has also discussed the part of the policy regarding team spirit wear and general spirit days. Over the past few years, the schools have had weekly spirit days or "t-shirt days" in the district. The policy actually states that spirit days should be once a month. Therefore, the schools have made this adjustment as well.

Upon reviewing the policy, we have noticed that the back-to-school pamphlet and school handbook are old versions of the uniformity of dress policy. I apologize for this miscommunication. I have attached the current board policy on the Uniformity of Dress. This is the version that the school board has approved and the version that administration will be following.

We will continue to monitor and adjust school district policies to ensure that the policies are aligned with the needs of the district and the students. If you have any concerns regarding the uniform policy, please contact your child's building administrator and we will take your concerns to the uniform committee and the school board for review.

Thank you for your patience, support, and guidance as we begin this successful school year.

Thank you,
Mike Schiffman, Superintendent

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