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Dear Parents and Guardians:

With the arrival of the warm weather has come a change in dress for many students. With such have also come a few areas of concern regarding what is considered to be appropriate school wear.

The Board of Education Policy states:

A student's dress, grooming and appearance shall:

1. Be safe, appropriate and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Recognize that extremely brief garments and see through garments are not appropriate.
3. Ensure that underwear is completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Include safe footwear at all times (no flip-flops).
5. Not include the wearing of hats in the classroom except for a medical or religious purpose.
6. Not include items that are vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrate others on account of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
7. Not promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.

Perhaps some general clarification on #2 and #3 would be a helpful reminder to all: Shirts or blouses should completely cover the top of shorts, slacks, or skirts whether the individual is sitting or standing. Midriff shirts are not appropriate for boys or girls. Strapless and spaghetti straps are inappropriate as is mesh outerwear. Shorts should be long enough to cover the student's thighs at all times, whether sitting or standing.

As most students have grown since September's warm weather, please ensure that this season's body fits into last season's clothing.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that everyone is dressed both comfortably and appropriately.

Sincerely,

Denise F. Kleinman
Principal

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