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Re: Implementation of a Uniform Policy

Dear Parents,

Over the past year, a significant number of parents have approached the administration about the possibility of district-wide uniforms. Parental interest and the overwhelming success we've had at the Woodland Hills Academy is impetus for our revising the policy on dress and grooming. There are, however, a few important points that I'd like to share:

- This is a parent-initiated effort. We concur with our parents' desires to have uniforms district-wide.
- Our actions have been guided by safety and health of our students. Uniforms will allow the District to:
 - ◆ Easily identify our students as oppose to intruders/trespassers
 - ◆ Easily prevent movement of contraband
 - ◆ Prevent the presence of gang, gang signs or symbols.
- Anecdotal reports from Academy parents, teachers, administrators, and community members show there have been positive effects on student achievement, behavior, and the teaching environment.
- Parents save by students wearing uniforms. Uniforms will lower the costs for clothing, not raise it. Parents will be able to purchase uniforms from their retailer of choice or a District approved vendor.
- We will continue to have discussion about the changes. Two public meetings have been scheduled to be held at the Woodland Hills District Board Room. We invite you to attend one or both:

February 9, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

February 22, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

If you should have further questions or concerns about the policy revisions, I would be happy to address them. We look forward to seeing you at one of the public meetings.

Sincerely,

Walter M. Calinger, Ph.D.

Superintendent