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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The end of the 2010-2011 school year is rapidly approaching and summer break will soon be here. Before we know it, summer will be over and the 2011-2012 school year will have begun. In fact, the administration and faculty have been preparing for next year for the past few months. One of the areas that will be a focal point for next year is the Uniform Dress Code Policy.

In its first year of implementation, the Dress Code Policy was a great success. Our school environment benefited from this change in many ways. Moving forward, I feel it is important to clarify how the policy will be enforced for the 2011-2012 school year and beyond. The intent of this letter is to provide you with a clear guide of what is or is not acceptable to wear to school. Hopefully this will assist you as the "back to school" shopping season begins. Please refer to the outline below:

Shirts

- Plain, long/short-sleeved white, red or gray polo shirt with a collar. Absolutely no logos (except Elmwood Park) or designs anywhere on the shirt.
- A plain long-sleeve white, red or gray undershirt may be worn under the short-sleeved polo. No other colors may be worn.
- Students are not permitted to wear a button-down shirt as an alternative to a polo shirt.

Slacks

- "Traditional uniform" style slacks in khaki, black or gray may be worn. Female students may opt to wear a khaki, black or gray skirt/skort.
- Slacks must have no more than four (4) regular sized pockets.
 - Pants resembling jeans in Khaki, black or gray colors are not permitted.
- Skin-tight fitting pants, leggings or stretch pants are not permitted.
- Slacks may not be adorned with rivets, studs, designs or any other type of decorative accessory.
- Shorts, including cargo shorts, may be worn from May 1st through November 1st.

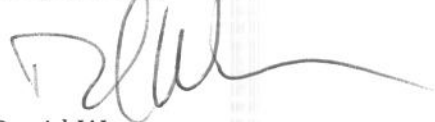
Cold Weather

- Polo shirts must be worn under any sweatshirt, sweater, or fleece.
- A white, red or gray fleece, sweater, sweatshirt may be worn. Jackets and any article of clothing that includes a hood may not be worn at any point during the school day, including lunch and physical education classes.
- Scarves may not be worn.

The complete Uniform Dress Code Policy can be found on the district website. I have also posted examples of articles of clothing that adhere to the policy on the site. **The policy has not changed.** Hopefully the interpretation of the policy has been made very clear. This interpretation will be strictly enforced, so please use discretion when purchasing clothes for the upcoming year. Students who do not comply with the policy will be required to change and face disciplinary action.

Have a safe and restful summer!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Warner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Warner
Principal

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Cc: Mr. Richard Tomko, Superintendent of Schools
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Mr. Michael Wartel, Attendance Officer/Registrar