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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In early autumn, it is likely we will still have some beautiful warm weather. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the school is your child's place of business. Accordingly, students need to dress appropriately.

I have included for your review, on the reverse side of this letter, a portion of the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District's Code of Conduct which addresses the Student Dress Code. Let me assure you it is not our intention to become the clothing police. Nevertheless, we must insist that your child dress in a fashion that is in accordance with the Student Dress Code.

Please take some time to review the dress code with your child in order to avoid unnecessary intervention on the part of the faculty and administration. It is our sincere hope that by maintaining the proper tone in the building, the educational process will proceed smoothly and successfully for your child.

If you have any questions, please call your child's Assistant Principal.

Very truly yours,

James Murray
Principal

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Code of Conduct - Plainview-Old Bethpage C.S.D.

V. STUDENT DRESS CODE

The Plainview-Old Bethpage School District Dress Code expresses our commitment to learning, safety, high standards, freedom of expression, and appropriate, responsible dress for school and school functions. Attention to appearance reflects care and concern for our students and our community. We have established these standards to create an atmosphere of self-respect and respect for others. It is the responsibility for our school system to prepare students for the world of work which requires appropriate dress.

This code is designed to be a guide and is by no means all-inclusive. Final decisions concerning appropriateness of dress will be made by the building administrator.

1. Any clothing or apparel which
 - a. Is considered unsafe, dangerous or a health hazard.
 - b. Contains offensive or obscene symbols, signs, slogans or words denigrating any person's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation.
 - c. Contains language or symbols promoting or endorsing violence, sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vandalism.
2. Any attire or grooming disruptive to the instructional process which may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Revealing clothing i.e., bare midriffs, backless tops, tube tops, clothes insufficient to conceal undergarments, short shorts, short skirts, and transparent clothing.
 - b. Bare feet.
 - c. Opaque sunglasses.
 - d. Chains, dog collars; hanging chains.
 - e. Any combination of clothing or jewelry which law enforcement agencies currently consider gang related. (These may change.)

Exceptions to the Dress Code necessitated by religious practice will be considered individually by the building administrator.

Students who violate the dress code shall be required to modify their appearance by covering or removing the offending item and, if necessary or practical, replace it with an acceptable item. Any student who refuses to do so shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including in school suspension for the day. Any student who repeatedly fails to comply with the dress code shall be subject to further discipline up to and including out of school suspension.

Provisions of the Dress Code are always applicable within the school building and during all school activities. Exception or modification of a provision of the Dress Code may be authorized by the building principal for a specific school related activity on a single event basis.