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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

What should your child wear to school in warm weather? What a major decision!

It may be difficult for your child to understand that not all stylish clothing should be worn to school. I understand that it is tempting to dress lightly in warm weather, but inappropriate clothing for school can be distracting to your child and to other students. At Franklin, we want our students to “dress for success.” What does this expression mean?

Girls are reminded that short shorts, see through blouses, tank tops with spaghetti straps and tight short skirts and dresses should not be worn to school. Bra straps are personal and low-cut clothing and midriff-exposing tops are more suitable for the beach. An easy test for appropriate dress is that if girls have their tummies exposed at any time (even if they are merely raising their hand), then the top is perfect for the beach – but not school.

Boys are reminded that mesh tops, see-through tops, sleeveless tank tops with large arm openings, and short shorts are inappropriate for school. Baggy pants and shorts that expose boys’ boxer shorts are not allowed. If boys have to hold onto their pants to climb the stairs, or if they run and they are in danger of losing their pants, the pants are too big for school and are more suitable for a barbecue or a cookout.

All Franklin Falcons need to remember that clothes with references to drugs, alcohol, or violence are prohibited in Fairfax County Public Schools. Additionally, page 4 of the **Assignment Book** states that clothes are not permitted which advertise or suggest alcoholic beverages, tobacco, drugs, sex, indecent language, inappropriate or illegal behavior, or gang membership. Shoes should be worn at all times. Flip flops and slippers are not permitted. Bandanas are inappropriate, whether worn on the head, arm, or leg. Pajamas should not be worn at anytime.

Should your child wear inappropriate attire to school as described above, the assistant principal, counselor, or teacher will ask him or her to change into a PE uniform or something else. School officials may also call parents to inform them of the dress code violation.

Please help us keep distractions in the learning environment to a minimum by sharing your expectations for school dress with your child and supporting Franklin’s standards for dressing for success. Please read the School Board policy attached to this letter. We appreciate you and your children.

Sincerely,

Sharon Eisenberg, Principal