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**Dear Parents of Wahluke Students:**

We are working hard at the district to make sure we are following through with the intent of the uniform guidelines.

At this time, we would like to introduce you to, or review, the guidelines for uniforms.

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All clothing worn during school must adhere to the dress code. Administration and staff will use discretion to address inappropriate or unsafe (gang or drug) dress during after school or school sponsored events.

Students must wear polos during school days except on approved exception days. All polo shirts must be of a solid color consisting of maroon, black, white, or gray for the tops. Pants must be grey, maroon, black or white in color or blue jeans. Pants must not be ripped through (showing skin) and must be worn starting above the hips. Shorts or skirts may be worn, but follow the same guidelines as pants and must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knees. No pants should be see through or overly revealing.

Shirts are not required to be tucked in, but they must be of the right size. No undersized or oversized shirts will be permitted. Shirts must be of appropriate length and have no more than three buttons. The top button must start at the neckline and the bottom button must be not more than 5 inches from the top button. When wearing the shirt, all buttons must be able to be buttoned. If shirts are layered, the outer layer must be the polo and all other layers must be maroon, black, white or gray.

Students may wear outerwear (coats) to and from school. Coats do not need to be in uniform color. However, the intent is for the outerwear to be hung up or put in lockers upon arrival to school. Coats and outer clothing with red or blue will not be allowed. If students would like to wear jackets, sweatshirts or sweaters during the school day, they must be of uniform colors, maroon, black, white, gray, or "spirit" outerwear, as long as their polo shirt is still worn underneath. Hooded sweatshirts are allowed but all hoods must remain down.

Spirit Day is Friday. On this day, students may wear clothing referred to as "spirit" wear defined as clothing that is affiliated with school clubs or organizations that promote school pride and are pre- approved through the building principal. Spirit Friday will be allowed by the principals as a reward for the students complying with the uniform policy throughout the week.

Any gang affiliated or unsafe clothing, hairstyles, tattoos, or adornments that denote gang affiliation in any way will not be allowed at our schools. If you have any questions about what this means please feel free to ask the building administration for clarification.

Please take a minute to review the guide with your children. We want our students to be “Dressed for Success” at school. We do want to partner with our parents to make this program successful. Please make certain your child is dressed appropriately for school. We want our children in school but if they come to school dressed inappropriately they will not be allowed to stay there.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact your child’s building principal.