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Dear The Nokesville School Community:

At our November 2016 Advisory Council meeting, we revised our dress code expectations and guidelines based on community input and feedback. In compliance with Prince William County regulations and to achieve our goal of having a safe, respectful, and productive school environment, the following items will be considered inappropriate dress for The Nokesville School:

- Hats, scarves, skull caps, headbands, visors or any other type of head covering unless related to one's religious beliefs or practices;
- Sunglasses;
- Beachwear;
- Sleeping apparel;
- Undergarments worn as outer garments;
- **New revision:** Straps that are thinner than the width of two fingers.
- Garments that are excessively short (Shorts and skirts must be fingertip length);
- Pants with holes above the fingertip length guideline;
- Holes in shirts;
- Garments that expose undergarments;
- Sheer "see through" garments;
- Clothing with lewd, obscene, patently offensive, or suggestive signs, slogans, pictures or messages;
- Garments that expose the torso;
- **New revision:** Garments that are excessively tight (i.e. yoga pants, jeggings, leggings, etc.) must be covered by attire of appropriate/fingertip length.
- Necklines that extend below a straight line from the top of one underarm across to the opposite underarm;
- Jewelry or other items which could be regarded or used as a weapon (i.e. belt buckles that conceal weapons, studded belts or collars, large rings, etc.);
- Bare feet, bedroom slippers, and stockings/socks only;
- Cleats (except at athletic activities);
- Gloves;
- Non-jewelry chains attached to clothing;
- Gang-related or drug-related clothing, jewelry, or paraphernalia.

Parents/guardians may be called to bring appropriate clothing for students whose clothing does not adhere to the dress code. Gym clothes or loaner shirts and sweatpants may be provided to those students determined to wear inappropriate clothing to school. Additional disciplinary action may also be taken by the administration for repeat offenders following The Nokesville School's Behavior Matrix.

Thank you for your support of The Nokesville School as we strive to create a productive learning environment for all of our students.

The Nokesville School Advisory Council