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Dear Parent or Guardian,

As the upcoming 2011-2012 academic school year fast approaches we at Navajo Preparatory School hope that the summer provided restful moments and a time to enjoy the family. We would like to thank you for your support in our pursuit of academic excellence and achievement for Native American students.

During the spring semester of last school year Navajo Preparatory School formed a committee to revise, revisit, and examine the student dress code. Consequently, a committee consisting of parent representatives from the Indian Education/Parent Advisor Committee, teachers, administrators, and students met on numerous occasions to express their concerns about the dress code. Research, data and school visits have been an important resource for the dress code change. A parent and student survey was also conducted to gauge parent/student thoughts and suggestions concerning any changes to the current dress code.

We are well aware that any change to the current dress code may bring opposition as well as support. In other words, we realize that everyone has a different opinion concerning this issue. While clothing may also be seen as a mirror of student individuality, it can also be said that individuality can and should be expressed through creativity, intellectual pursuits and participation in school activities. We are also cognizant that strict enforcement of any dress code is essential. Additionally, parental supervision of student dress and appearance is also critical. By limiting the types, styles, and colors of clothing that can be worn, the committee is hopeful in eliminating the latest "inappropriate" trends in clothing and appearance that will lead to a more positive school environment, reflective of the business of learning rather than the issue of current styles.

On July 1st 2011, The Navajo Preparatory School Board of Directors passed an updated and revised Dress Code Policy. The Board of Directors and Administration believe a more standardized dress code policy will address issues related to the health, safety and welfare of students attending school. The new Dress Code Policy will help to create a more positive learning environment, increase school pride and overall set a tone for making school a professional learning atmosphere.

This policy will take effect for the 2011-2012 school year. As you consider purchasing school clothing for the upcoming year, please take a moment to review the dress code expectations and purchase clothing that meets our new policy. Thank you in advance for your support and please feel free to contact us should you have questions.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Respectfully,

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