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Good afternoon,

I am starting to review the documents for the board meeting on the 18th.

I note that the dress code once again includes a non-private part in the definition of private part, e.g., navel. As I have previously pointed out, student concerns about the inconsistent application of this aspect of the dress code that targets certain body types over others can be addressed, in part, by removing this unnecessary inclusion of the navel as a private part. I have requested your reconsideration more than once but remain without a substantive response. Rather, it seems a discussion on the merits has been avoided in favor of putting forward the same language as before in consent, i.e., without explanation.

Coupled with the Hanover Climate survey results, I am surprised that this seemingly small amendment has not been made. Evidence (obtained by a walk down the hall of any high school in the district) suggest that it is not a strictly enforced aspect of the dress code. However, as reported to me and by others, students observe when it is enforced, it is perceived by some as punitive to certain body types.

Further, in high school and to a certain extent middle school, the fashion for some persons involves shorter waisted shirts that can from time to time show the navel. Why would an administrator be given the discretion to penalize some over others, over a shirt length? While I do not believe that is the intent, it certainly is an unintended consequence.

I was hopeful that the district would be more responsive of this unintended consequence. What is the reason it will not? I observe a direct linkage between social, emotional and mental wellbeing and being able to be comfortable with one's body. Further, the belly button is not a 'private part'.

I would like to understand, with reasons and evidence not excuses or rhetoric, why the district asserts that the navel is a private part. I am without any material feedback after a year of trying to start this conversation.

Further, on the SEL screening survey, given the recently passed state law(s) is the approach of

putting the consent into the Code of Conduct permissible/enforcable?

Kind regards,
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The draft agenda for the October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting is now available in BoardDocs.



Thanks!
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