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Date _____

To the parents/guardians of _____,

Your son/daughter has recently been reminded that it is the responsibility of all students at Saranac High School to dress themselves according to the school's dress policy. Please review the regulations listed below with your child.

APPROPRIATE STUDENT ATTIRE

The responsibility for student dress and general appearance shall rest with individual students and parents. However, the Board of Education requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with their education or the learning process.

The Board requires that students wear appropriate protective gear and that any jewelry or accessory that endangers the health and safety of students be removed in certain classes (e.g. technology, science labs and physical education). In addition, the Board of Education prohibits clothing, attire, accessories and/or footwear which has or bears an expression (phrase, word or words) or an insignia (picture, symbol, patch, pin and/or jewelry) which is lewd, obscene, indecent or libelous (that is, which contains objectionable language, including insults, whether directed at themselves or others), that promotes or advocates racial or religious prejudice, violence or interferes with the learning process. The Board, in keeping with community standards of decorum and deportment, prohibits students from wearing hats in the classroom. Also, the Board prohibits clothing and/or an accessory that promotes, or advocates the possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs/alcohol or drug/alcohol paraphernalia, or any clothing and/or accessory which causes a substantial disruption or interference with the learning process or discipline of the school.

In addition to the above standards set by school board policy, and in order to avoid distractions or disruptions in the educational environment, Saranac High School students are responsible for dressing themselves according to the following standards:

All clothing must be worn in such a way that undergarments are completely covered at all times.

Shorts, skirts and dresses must be long enough to extend past the end of the fingers when the arms are held at the side.

Shirts

Must be long enough to completely cover the midriff
Cannot be mesh or see-through
Will not exhibit any references to drugs, alcohol or their paraphernalia
Must not have a plunging neckline (front or back)
Cannot be a tube top, halter top, or net top

Outer garments (winter coats, trench coats, baggy jackets) must be kept in lockers during the school day.

First infraction – students will be asked to report to the office. The student's name will be recorded and the student will be given the opportunity to resolve the issue. If the student cannot bring himself or herself into compliance with the dress code, they will be allowed to contact parents/guardians, who may, if they choose, bring clothes to school or take their child home. If a parent can't be reached or cannot bring clothes to school, then the student will spend the remainder of the day in ISS. A letter will be sent home to make the parents/guardians aware that their student has been warned about their failure to comply with the school's dress code.

Second infraction – any student who violates the dress code a second time will go through the same process as with the first infraction, but will also be required to serve one after-school detention.

Subsequent infractions – as above, with one after-school detention assigned for each accumulated dress code infraction.

Feel free to call if you have any questions. 565-5800