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The Dress Code policy, 5132(a)-P, is included in your packet. This is the second version of a First Read, based upon input from the Board and Policy Subcommittee, as well as input and insights gathered from administrators, staff, and students. As indicated in the first paragraph of the policy, the following is what we aimed produce in this re-draft of the policy:

The dress code of Regional School District 17 is intended to support equitable educational access for all students designed in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. The Board of Education acknowledges students as individuals and students' dress should respect the District's intent and its responsibility to ensure the health, safety, and mental well-being of all students. To implement effective and equitable enforcement of its dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any person or group. At the same time, the Board expects that students will dress in a manner appropriate for the school day or for any school-sponsored event. Administrators shall use reasonableness and have discretion to determine the appropriateness of attire and grooming.

We are pleased to have given this policy additional consideration, producing this revision, and welcome additional recommendations from the Board through the First Read/Second Read process.