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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you well and that you are helping your child to gear up for a strong finish to the year—both academically and socially.

As you may already be aware, on December 10, 2019 the Bertie County Board of Education voted to eliminate the School Uniform Policy in June, at the end of the current academic year.

This letter is to inform you that the School Board, as of January 14, has adopted a Dress Code Policy (4316) to replace the uniform policy beginning with the start of the 2020-2021 school year (August 2020).

Enclosed you will find a copy of said policy, and it is my request that you review it together with your child so that the following school year will start off smoothly with this change. You will see more notifications and reminders as the year progresses.

Please know that students may still wear the uniform garments; however, they will not be required to beginning in August. The policy outlines a guide to the way students should / should not be dressed, and it describes the consequences of Dress Code violations. Be sure to read the policy carefully and to let your school administrator know if you have questions.

We thank you for your feedback on the school uniform policy during the months of October and November. Further, we truly appreciate your support as we labor to bring about positive change for our students, families and staff.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Otis L. Smallwood".

Dr. Otis L. Smallwood
Superintendent