

February 12th, 2019

TUSD Board Meeting

Good evening Dr. Trujillo, members of the board,

Over the past two months, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council has been working, brainstorming, and advocating for the most comprehensive policies when it comes to issues brought up here at the board meetings. Recently, we examined the Governing Board Policy of Student Dress. Our general concern was the fact that the last revisions to the dress code, were on December 13, 2005, and December 5, 2012 (with regards to cross-referencing - Equal Educational Opportunities and Anti-Harassment & Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment. Our objective was to ensure that the purpose of this policy, "[The Board's] obligation to provide schools in which the health, safety, and welfare of the students who attend those schools are given paramount consideration, and where a positive learning environment must be maintained." was being done so in a manner that was clear in its expectations, consistent in its enforcement, equitable in its decree, current in the given time period, and overall still true to the framer's intent. We investigated, not only on a high school level, the pros and cons of a dress code, but on a middle school level, the use of Uniforms/Standardized Dress Code and its effectiveness or possible repercussions. Our council has a multitude of ideas that can be moved forward with. Dress code is an issue that creates a lot of disconnect between students and administrators, and we hope we can bridge that gap. We will continue to explore certain policies brought up at the meetings, and provide to our best ability, the most effective and efficient solutions possible.