



# *Harford County Public Schools*

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HCPS School Uniform Committee

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The uniform Committee met with a representative from Walmart, who gave a presentation and showed the Committee various products that are available through his organization. Girls have the options of; khaki or colored pants, pleated skirts, wrapped skirt, shorts, dresses, jumpers, button down blouses, and multi colored polo shirts, and winter long sleeved polo shirts. Boys have the option of khaki or colored pants, shorts, long and short sleeved multi colored polo shirts. Wind breakers for both boys and girls, and embroidery is a possibility for each uniform. The whole outfit would cost about \$15.00 for the spring and fall and about \$20.00 for the winter, however, parents and students are free to purchase the items anywhere they choose as long as it meets the parameters.

The Committee then discussed the idea of allowing the students the opportunity to design a uniform for their school. The decision was made to work with the school improvement teams. The teams would develop a process for students and parents to use while following the parameters listed below.

The students must:

- follow the existing HCPS dress code,
- have consistent colors and collared shirts,
- select uniforms that fit appropriately,
- be sensitive to the cost of the items when designing them,
- accommodate for seasonal changes,
- include the possible exceptions to the uniforms,
- include the possible level of consequences used when the policy is not followed,
- include a program of review and renewal for the uniform policy.

The Committee will receive all student input in November of 2008, and hold the focus groups sessions in 2009 which will be open to the school community.