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Dear Locke Families,

**In an effort to prepare students for future success in elementary, middle, high school, and beyond we will continue to strictly enforce the school/district dress code this school year. In the working world, students will be expected to comply with standards of dress and appearance. The Pasco County School Board and the MPLES Staff have established the following guidelines in order to promote an orderly learning environment.**

- Sexually implicit or explicit clothing, bikini tank tops, and spandex clothing (kinds of clothing usually worn at beaches and while engaging in recreational activities) are not appropriate apparel for the regular school session.
- Spandex or leggings may be worn when the top garment extends down to modest length.
- Shorts and skirts may be worn as long as they are of a modest length. Modest length is fingertip length. When wearing skirts or dresses, shorts need to be worn underneath.
- Clothing shall be worn appropriately; e.g., pants shall be worn securely at the waist. No abdominal skin or undergarments are to be exposed or visible through outerwear.
- Blouses, shirts, tops, and sweaters cannot dip below a line formed between the right and left armpit.
- Tank tops should be modest with 1-inch straps and not be revealing (undergarments straps should not be visible). Spaghetti straps and strapless tops are prohibited.
- Tops must be long enough to clearly overlap the belt line during the course of normal movement throughout the school day.
- Shoes are worn for foot protection and hygienic reasons while on school grounds or on school transportation. Slippers are not acceptable. Shoes with wheels are prohibited.
- Decorations, symbols, mottos, or designs imprinted, written or attached to the body or clothing which are offensive to good taste or the maintenance of decorum, or which advertise tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or violence shall not be worn to school or school functions.
- The principal, or designee, will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

**\* Intervention:** Any violator of the dress code will be required to change into appropriate clothing and will receive a note home for the parent/guardian to sign. You may be contacted to bring your child a change of clothing. Repeated violations of the dress code will be considered defiance, and a school progressive discipline will be issued.