

Here is an abbreviated list of some pros and cons which have come from feedback from students, parents, and staff.

PRO COMMENTS:

Potential benefits of school uniform pilot:

- Teacher feedback positive
- Puts focus on academics, while reducing distractions
- Decreases commercialism (brand names – removes materialism)
- \$25/uniform – cost less than brand names
- Teaching students about appropriate attire
- In public schools there is always school dress choice – uniforms cannot be enforced
- Uniformity as a school community
- Creates a sense of pride, school spirit and community
- Reduces bullying and increases attendance: Gives bullies one less thing to focus on
- Continual improvement and influence on school culture and academic achievement
- Safety- easily notice outsiders

CON COMMENTS:

Potential disadvantages of a school uniform pilot:

- Is uniformity/conformity a value we want to instill in children?
- Focusing on symptom not cause – we should focus on character/non exclusionary behavior. No problems currently exist - there is no rationale for change

- Polarizing issue - there is divided support
- Money - uniforms could cost the school as they must be provided for all students unable to pay for them
- Abdicates parent responsibility with important discussions
- We should encourage building individuals who need to be given choices
- Parity – what about others school? Is this an issue for the entire district?
- Uniforms do not address the matter of the heart of a child - In our school, it is not evident that uniforms will change a child's character
- We already have a fence. Let's not add a uniform too
- Uncomfortable and difficult to keep up with cleaning
- Less creativity and individuality for students