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Hello Panther Nation!

We are excited to share some very important updates for the upcoming school year - SY 2023-2024! In our efforts to not police students' bodies and embrace the impact of dress/fashion on students' identity and self expression we sought out and received parent feedback via our KIPP Parent Organization (KPO), student input and teacher feedback. As a result, this coming school year KCP will have a much more relaxed code for student dress.

KCP styled t- shirts, polos, and hoodies are still an active part of school culture and dress. If you would like to purchase any of these items please [click here](#):

Students are allowed to wear clothing items of their choice that do not *violate* any of the following expectations:

- **No exposure of mid drift area that exposes any skin**
- **No skirts**
- **No dresses**
- **No shorts**
- **No open toed shoes**
- **Pants that exposes any skin**
- **No ski masks**
- **No undergarments showing (i.e. tank tops and/or underwear)**
- **No clothing with explicit or inappropriate language of sexual, violent, and or drug nature**
- **KIPP DC respects and protects students' religious, ethnic and cultural expression. Students may wear any religiously, ethnically, or culturally specific head coverings or hairstyles, including but not limited to hijabs, yarmulkes, and head/hair wraps.**
- **KCP Leadership Team continues to holds the right to deem any item students wear inappropriate**

With this shift, we hope to root our daily focus in strengthening Panther Nation culture, enhancing instructional focus and growing our communal bonds.

Sincerely,
KIPP DC College Preparatory's Leadership Team