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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The top priority of DeKalb County School District is to provide our students with the best positive learning experience in a safe environment. We work each day to encourage students to be successful at their job of learning. To this end, the "GREAT" Columbia Middle is pleased to have the support of the DeKalb County School District as we implement a mandatory uniformed dress code beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. We believe and research supports that uniformed dress: (1) has a positive impact on students' learning and behavior in and around the school; (2) serves to unite students; (3) increases school pride; and (4) eliminates class barriers that develop when some students cannot afford expensive name-brand clothing.

Students who attend the cluster of Columbia Schools will be required to participate in the mandatory uniformed dress code for 2014-2015 school year. Please read below to clarify what the uniformed dress code for the "GREAT" Columbia Middle School will be to ensure that your child is properly attired for a successful 2014-2015 school year.

Tops: Royal Blue, White, Orange(shirts may be long or short sleeve)

- Oxford blouses, golf style (polo), button-down
- **ALL shirts must bare the school crest**

Bottoms: Khaki (color), Navy Blue, or Navy Blue Plaid-(Girls ONLY)

- **Females-** Slacks/Pants, Skirts and Skorts-knee length, Capri pants (seasonal), Dresses-knee length, and Belts are required for belt loops; bottoms should fit properly and not sag below the waist.
- **Males-** Trousers/pants, Shorts (seasonal), Belts are required for belt loops, and bottoms should fit properly and not sag below the waist.

Accessories:

- **Belts-** Black or Brown ONLY
- **Neck ties (Girls & Boys)-** Navy blue plaid
- **Sweatshirts-** Heather grey or Navy blue only
- **Sweaters-** Navy blue with school crest
- **Blazers-**Navy blue with school crest

Shoes:

- All shoes must be safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Students may wear their choice of athletic, low-heeled, or flat shoes.
- Students must wear athletic shoes in all PE classes and/or outdoor activities.
- Sandals, Crocs, slippers, flip flops, open toe shoes, thong sandals, stilettos and the like are **NOT** permitted to be worn on campus.

As always, thanks for your continued support of the progress and initiative, which we have set forth here at the "GREAT" Columbia Middle School. Purchasing information is forthcoming. See you next year!

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith A. Jones