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Dear Parents:

A uniform committee was formed which was comprised of students, teachers, and administrators to offer suggestions on a possible school-wide uniform policy. The uniform committee met yesterday and ideas were exchanged on how the uniform policy could provide for better focus on academics and provide increased safety for the students and the school community. The major areas of discussion were equity amongst students and a dress-for-success environment to help our students embody the school's mission: "South Miami Senior High School: Preparing our students to succeed in tomorrow's global community"

The suggested uniform policy to be voted on by you, the parents, contains the following details:

- Shirts:** Shirts may be polo or oxford style and must have a collar  
Shirts must be tucked-in (Revised by PTSA on April 15, 2008)  
Undergarments must not be visible  
Shirts must have sleeves (short or long)  
Mid-drifts cannot be exposed  
Students may use striped or solid colored shirts within the allowed color scheme
- Pants:** Pants may be a full-length pant styled or a Capri-styled pant which falls below the knee  
No shorts are allowed  
Pants must be worn on the waist and must be accompanied by a belt  
Pants should be uniform style
- Shoes:** Students cannot wear open shoes and shoes must have backs (i.e. no sandal style shoes without a strap)
- Other:** Hats, scarves and hooded garments are not to be used during the school day  
School emblem patches and badges may be placed on students shirts
- Colors:** Shirts: White, Orange, and Brown  
Pants: Khaki or Brown (Revised by PTSA on April 15, 2008)

These suggestions will take place if you, the parents, vote in favor of the school adopting a uniform policy. Ballots will be mailed to your houses using the address on file and votes on the returned ballots will count per student (excluding graduating seniors). Ballots must be returned by an adult to a school representative.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this process.

Sincerely,

Gilberto Bonce  
Principal

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