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## *A Message from the Superintendent of Schools*

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February 5, 2019

Dear Irvington School Community:

The Irvington Union Free School District strives to provide an environment that supports a sound educational experience for our students and staff. We also recognize that many factors influence school experiences and student learning. With that said, we are aware of the concern regarding our district's present dress code and we will begin the discussions to make changes, if necessary.

The dress code, which is part of the larger Code of Conduct, was established to help support a safe and orderly learning environment. However, we recognize the importance of revisiting the policies included in the Code with the express input of our stakeholders, which will allow all involved, including our students, to lend their voices to the continuous growth of our school community.

The fact is, we always want to improve our students' school experiences. If there is concern that the Code, in its present form, is inconsistent with the spirit of our school community, we want to address it. Further, we value our students' voice, especially with regard to decisions that may impact them so personally.

School dress codes are complex, and we know that current fashion trends sometimes conflict. Still, we want to get it right, and we will be working with our students and stakeholders to do just that.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristopher Harrison'.

Dr. Kristopher Harrison  
Superintendent of Schools

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