Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Plum Borough School District, we want to make sure all students have a safe, respectful, and positive learning environment. To help with this, we ask students to follow our dress code. These guidelines apply to everyone and ensure fairness while keeping distractions out of the classroom.

Students should wear clothing that fully covers private areas and undergarments, even when sitting, standing, or moving. Clothing with holes should not expose undergarments or skin in these areas. Shorts, skirts, and dresses should be long enough to provide full coverage, and pants must be worn at the waist. If clothing is too short, students should wear opaque leggings underneath Pajama pants, and slippers are not allowed.

Tops must cover the chest, back, and stomach. Straps need to be at least two fingers wide, and see-through clothing must be worn with an undershirt. Shirts that show the stomach or back, including tank tops, muscle shirts, spaghetti straps, tube tops, and halters, are not allowed. Shoes should be safe for school activities. Shoes with wheels, like Heelys, are not allowed. Similarly, clothing or accessories with sharp objects, such as spikes on jackets, collars, or shoes, are not allowed.

Hats, hoods, and sunglasses cannot be worn inside during the school day. Bandanas and head coverings are allowed only for religious, cultural, or medical reasons. Coats and jackets must be kept in lockers during class.

Students may not wear clothing with inappropriate words or images, including anything related to gangs, drugs, alcohol, violence, or discrimination.

Students who do not follow the dress code will be asked to change clothes. If needed, a parent or guardian may be called to bring appropriate clothing. If the student cannot change, they may have to leave class. Repeated dress code violations may result in further consequences.

We appreciate your support in helping us create a fair and distraction-free school environment. If you have any questions, please visit our website to review <u>Board Policy 221: Dress and Grooming</u> or contact your child's school.

Thank you for working with us to support your child's education.