School Uniforms

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Many people believe that public schools should start having uniforms for all students. The school board has actually proposed that the middle schools start a dress code policy. They believe that uniforms will help to get rid of gang related distractions on school grounds. But the students would not benefit from having to wear uniforms! Uniforms would be more of a distraction than a way to control students.

Uniforms are expensive to buy and to care for properly. Many of the families of Livingston students do not have the money or time to purchase and have the uniforms cleaned properly by professional dry cleaners. The students whose parents don’t properly take care of the uniforms will be made fun of because they will stand out from the others.

Many students would not like having to look like all of the other students in the building. People would try to find creative ways to wear the uniforms differently from everyone else! The teachers and administrators would have to spend a lot of time getting the students to wear the uniforms
correctly. The staff at a school have enough to do without having to worry about how people are wearing their socks!

In uniforms all students will look alike. If there were a crime or crisis, it would be difficult for the staff to identify the students involved. This could lead to a lot of students getting away with breaking the rules, or even worse, being wrongly accused. Administrators would have to waste a lot of time trying to figure out who the guilty parties might be.

One way to avoid the problems that our school has been having regarding dress is to start and enforce a detailed dress code. The clothing that has been a disruption can be put on the “not allowed” list. If the dress code were presented to the students as a vote between uniforms or a school dress code, students would be more willing to stick with the new rules.

In conclusion, school uniforms are too expensive and will cause the staff many problems. It would be a waste of time and money to make students wear them. Students are better off wearing Tommy and FUBU.