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Dear Elementary School Parents,

Effective immediately, HPCA Elementary School students may purchase clothing bottoms from any store provided they meet certain guidelines. We trust that this new policy will assist parents in finding clothing that is more comfortable, affordable, modest in appearance, and meets the needs of the cold winter months, as well as the coming spring weather. The new policy is as follows:

Bottoms: Students may now purchase uniform-style long pants, shorts, or capris from any vendor provided they meet the following guidelines:

1. Material must be a chino-type material or twill weave made mostly of cotton (no denim or corduroy). They should look like the uniform bottoms from Lands' End and Educational Outfitters.
2. Solid navy blue or khaki colors only.
3. No cargo shorts or pants.
4. Shorts should be no more than 3 inches above the knee (Bermuda style).
5. Holes or appearance of holes are not acceptable.
6. Pants and shorts should not be sagging, too tight, or too low-riding.

Length of shorts: Since you may now purchase these items from any vendor, please ensure that all your child's shorts are no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. It is our recommendation that shorts be longer than that so there is no question as to whether your child is in compliance.

Jumpers, Skirts and Skorts: Jumpers, skirts and skorts are still supposed to be no more than 2 inches above the knee and must be purchased from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters according to the Approved Uniform Options List.

Tops: Since there is such a wide variety of tops among vendors, the uniform policy for tops has **not** changed. They must still be polo, peter pan, or turtleneck and purchased from Lands' End or Educational Outfitters.

If you have any questions about this new policy, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rita C. Haire
Elementary School Principal