



Whereas, According to the United States Department of Education, the percentage of public schools requiring uniforms increased from 13 to 19 percent between 2003 and 2012; and

Whereas, The DOE acknowledged in its voluntary policy that uniforms “help schools promote a more effective learning climate; foster school unity and pride; improve student performance; foster self-esteem; eliminate label competition; simplify dressing and minimize costs to parents; teach children appropriate dress and decorum in their ‘work’ place; and help to improve student conduct and discipline”; and

Whereas, Requiring school uniforms can present a cost savings to parents, as families of children in non-uniform schools spend more on school clothes than those of children attending schools where uniforms are required; and

Whereas, School uniforms may lead to decreased violence among students, increase school security by making non-students more obvious, decrease peer pressure, and help to minimize socioeconomic differences between students; and

Whereas, School uniforms improve the educational climate for students and teachers and should be required in all New York City public schools; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls the New York City Department of Education to mandate school uniforms.

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