# SPECIAL CALLED GO TEAM MEETING

Uniform Adoption Barack & Michelle Obama Academy April 14, 2025

## AGENDA

#### School Uniform Adoption

- Overview of Survey for School Uniforms
- Survey Discussion
- Finalize Uniform Options
- [CAT-Cluster Advisory Team] CAT Meeting Updates Principal's Report



# REVIEW OF OPTIONAL SCHOOL UNIFORM

# **OPTIONAL SCHOOL UNIFORM**

In the 2023-2024 school year, the APS Board of Education updated the <u>district's dress code policy</u>. As part of the update, starting with the 2025-2026 school year if a school wishes to **maintain or explore implementing** an optional school uniform, it **must** go through an engagement process and have a vote as outlined below:



If your school currently has a school uniform and wishes to continue it, you must go through this process!

## ABOE POLICY JCDB STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Last Revised, 06/03/2024)

http://tinyAPS.com/?APSDressCodePolicy

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- A top of non-see through fabric
- 2. A bottom of non-see through fabric
- 3. Shoes

1.

4. Undergarments that are not visible

## **RESTRICTIONS**

- No words or symbols that are gang-related, sexually suggestive, obscene or promote illegal behavior
- 2. Nothing associated with alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco
- 3. No flip-flops, athletic slides or footwear that doesn't support the front and back of the foot



## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

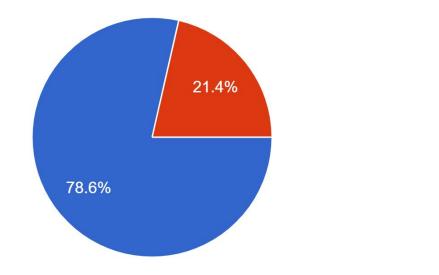
Schools may choose to adopt an *optional* school uniform.

Effective immediately, at no time will students have their instructional time interrupted or be barred from school or class for declining to wear the optional school uniform.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

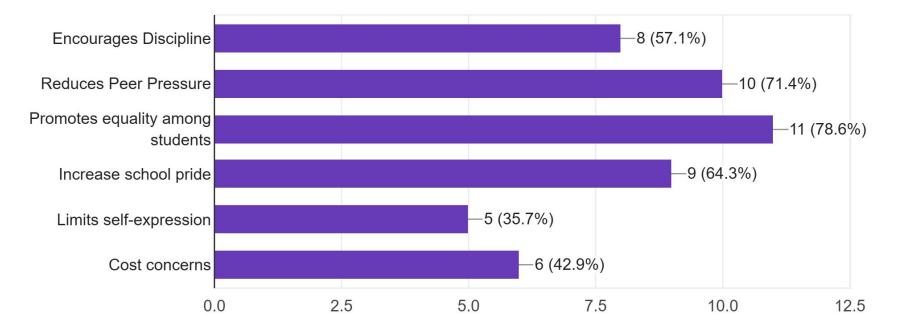
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14 responses

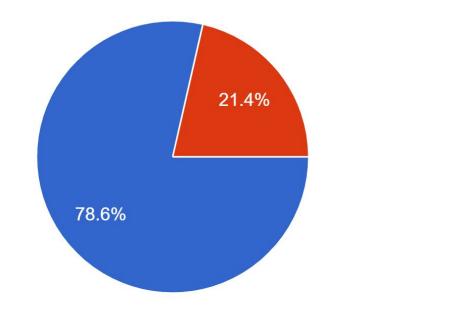




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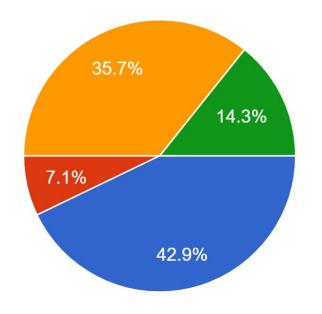


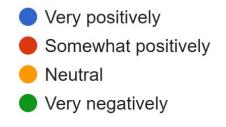
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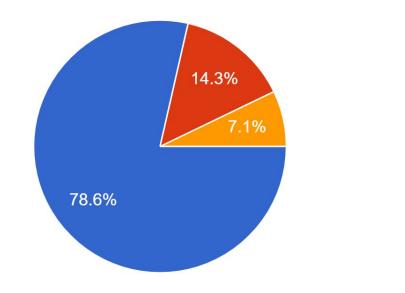
How do you feel school uniforms would affect your child's comfort and self-expression? 14 responses





Should there be a flexibility in the uniform policy, such as allowing certain days for casual or free dress?

14 responses

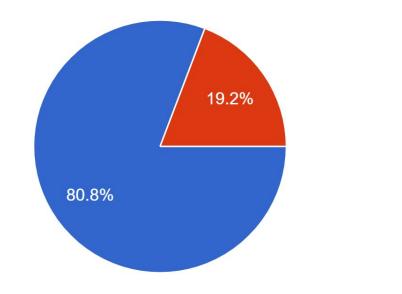




# **STAFF UNIFORM SURVEY**

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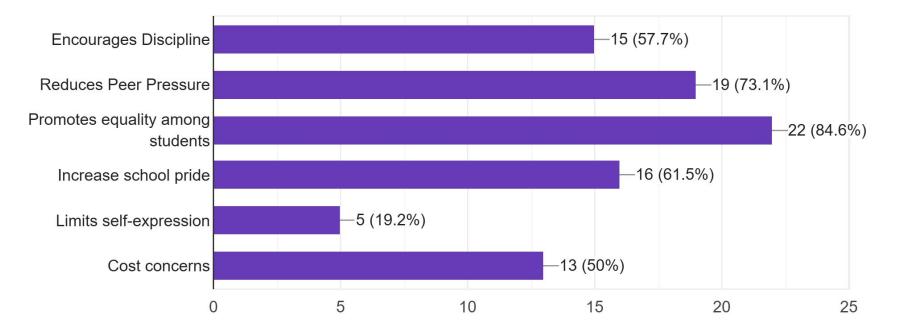
26 responses





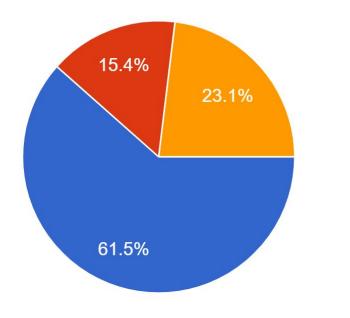
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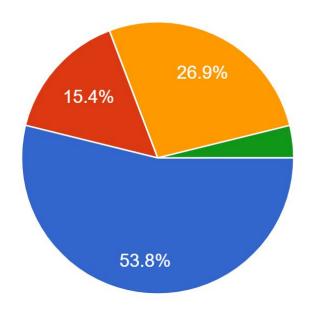
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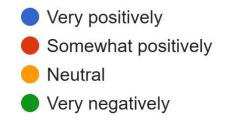




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How do you feel school uniforms would affect your student's comfort and self-expression? <sup>26 responses</sup>

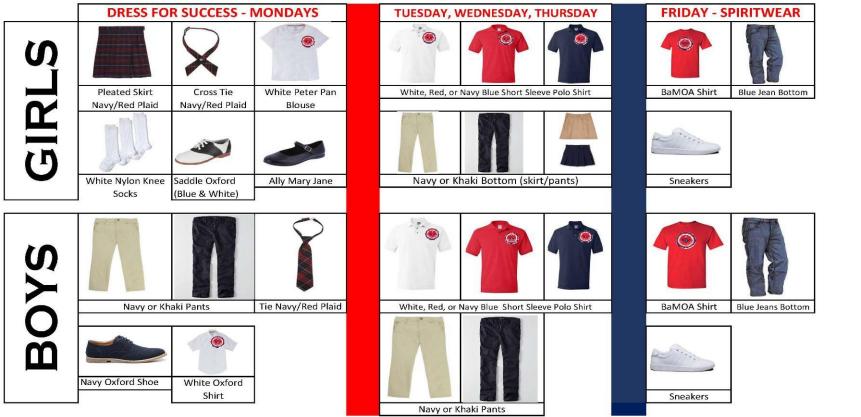




## **BaMO School Uniform Proposal:**

#### **Barack & Michelle Obama Academy**

#### **STUDENT UNIFORMS: Proposal for 2025-2028**



# COMMITTEE RECCOMENDATION S

# DISCUSSION & VOTE

# [C.A.T.] UPDATES

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Jackson Cluster:

- Principals focused on EOY testing
- How do schools in the clusters work together to ensure students are ready to transition to the next level? (Elementary to Middle and Middle to High) What are the pathways?
- King Middle: July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the one-day summer bridge for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Priority: GA Milestones
- Priority: Focus on Tier I Instruction
- Focusing on the Subgroups in the Jackson Cluster

Facilities:

- Facilities Master Plan: They are creating an FMP task force.
- Discussion on the empty APS buildings

Budget Updates:

- Current year budget balanced using 74 million of fund balance
  - This allowed funding for major initiatives such as bringing School Nutrition in house
  - Readers are Leaders Initiative
  - Invested in a multi-year project to change the systems for HR and financials (all above rolled out in FY25)

# **C.A.T. UPDATES**

Budget Updates (cont.):

- Froze Travel Lines
- Abolishment of central office positions (to help balance the budget gap)
- Target: 50-million-dollar reduction within central office
- The gap access of 100-million to close the gap for upcoming FY26
- Holding back 3-million in reserves for signature programming
- FY 27: Looking at School Allocations
- FY 28 29 30: Looking at how to restore the fund balance)

Strategic Plan Update:

- Discussed what an APS graduate IS or HAS
- What we must provide an APS graduate with: Equipped, Strategic thinkers, collaborative, model care for humanity, academically competitive, life skills, financial literacy and prepared for the real world.

## QUESTIONS ?

# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH
- PARTNER ENGAGEMENT
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
  - ANNUAL GMAS CARNIVAL WEDS. APRIL 16 @ 6PM
  - GMAS TESTING WINDOW APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>
  - TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 5-9
  - PRE K AWARDS DAY MAY 20TH
  - KINDERGARTEN AWARDS DAY MAY 22ND
  - 5TH GRADE AWARDS DAY & ROYAL BALL MAY 27TH
  - 1ST-4TH GRADE AWARDS DAY MAY 28TH
  - FIELD DAY/FUN RUN -LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MAY 29TH