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I want to commend Mr. Overstreet, our high school principal, and all of our teachers at WHS for their hard work and dedication to ensure the success of ALL of our students. School districts across our state have dress codes in place to make sure students are safe and to promote uninterrupted learning in the classroom. Yesterday we worked with students who had concerns about the dress code in our school district. The students were respectful, and we look forward to working with them to find a solution that is equitable and helps our students to represent themselves in the best possible way. We encourage our students to use the WHS Student Council and voice their concerns in writing to the building principal when they have issues with policy. The building principal will review the concerns and share them with the superintendent. If a change is needed, I will then take it to the school board for their consideration. I believe in a school system that is willing to listen and learn from one another. If there are changes to our school system that are needed, then those changes can be made as long as we follow the proper chain of command. I believe this learning opportunity for our students can be fostered towards personal and professional growth, and I look forward to visiting with them again. Remember, our community and our school can accomplish so much more together than we can apart!

Return to Learn Update:

WPS wants to keep everyone informed on the impact of COVID in our district. We currently have 2% of our students that have positive cases. There are an additional 3% of our students who have been quarantined. Our faculty and staff have done an excellent job sanitizing our school and social distancing our students when they can. This has allowed us to continue with our educational plan that keeps our students at school where they can learn in person from their teachers! We urge you to do your part in helping to keep one another safe and healthy. Wash your hands, watch your distance from others, and if you or your child are sick please stay home!

Sincerely,

Kyle Hilterbran  
Superintendent, Watonga Public Schools