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TO: BAND DIRECTORS AND CHOIR DIRECTORS
FROM: JERRY LONGWELL
SUBJECT: DRESS, ATTIRE, AND GROOMING CODE

The Board of Education recently revised the Dress, Attire, and Grooming Policy. A copy of the revised policy is in your Principal's hands and you should become familiar with it. Special attention is called to this paragraph from that policy:

- "4. Regulations in reference to hair and dress for special activities such as athletics, fine arts, and drill team, shall be governed by the immediate person in charge of these activities under the direction of the Principal."

Please see to it that you have a thorough understanding with your Principal regarding any regulation you might feel is necessary in your activity. The policy clearly designates you and your Principal as having this authority and responsibility.

There are a few things I would suggest for you to consider when you formulate these regulations:

1. Bands and choirs are uniformed organizations. Please note that "uniformity" is one of the items listed on the University Interscholastic League music contest comment sheets to be taken into consideration by the judge in rating the band or choir.
2. A neat and well groomed appearance contributes heavily to the building of pride and spirit within these organizations. One of the vital ingredients in the success of such a group is the pride and self-discipline of the students. This pride and self-discipline is not only a factor which helps in reaching the goals of your band or choir; it is so important that it should be considered a goal in itself.
3. The traditional image of our musical groups involved in public performance is one of dignity, pride, and self-control. The dress and grooming of our students has been and should continue to be an important factor in establishing and maintaining that image. Any regulations in this area should seek to maintain and enhance this image.