CASSIA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 151



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Re: ACLU and Discriminatory Dress

Cassia School District does not want the issue of dress at our graduations to cloud the accomplishments of our students. This is a time for families and schools to honor and recognize the achievements of their students and celebrate this important milestone. A graduation ceremony is a significant event for both students and their families. It is incumbent on everyone to consider the formality of the event for themselves, other students and guests when choosing how to dress when attending graduation. It is in everyone’s best interest for those who participate in the event to dress appropriately. Attire that disrupts the event or distracts from the significance of the proceedings should be avoided. The District encourages students to dress in a way that reflects the importance of the event not only to them but to all other attendees. Previous dress guidelines issued by the District reflect the importance of graduation, as well as, the long standing historical standards of the community.

School district officials encourage our students to be individuals while considering the significance of the ceremony to all those attending. Guidelines and instructions given to seniors prior to graduation are open to review and comment from parents and students when they receive graduation information. In the end, it is the responsibility of the student and their family to determine the dress standards they will utilize when they participate in graduation ceremonies. Cassia school district encourages high standards whether it is through dress, action, spoken word or behavior by every student at every school sponsored function. We all hope that the choices made will not be disruptive of the event or detrimental to the health and safety of anyone attending the event. Graduation is a time to celebrate in dress, thought and deed. Congratulations to all of our graduating students.

I am available to answer questions or clarify information. Use can reach me at 208.431.6414 or cridebbi@cassiaschools.org

Thank you,

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