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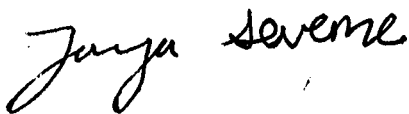
Dear School Board,

Today I am writing to you for my concern about the school's dress code. I really appreciate what you do for our school and for working on problems that may need to be fixed in our community.

The school dress code at Oxbow to me seems like there are some things that could be fixed about it. Some of the protocols for dress code I think aren't fair for girls and that most of the rules for dress code are towards girls not boys. One of the rules is that Spaghetti straps, Halter tops, or bare back tops aren't allowed which most boys that go to Oxbow don't wear but the school says that it's a distraction on girls. I really don't understand how showing our shoulders or our backs is a distraction, some shirts I do understand aren't school appropriate but students know what is appropriate for school and what is not. I do understand that skirts and shorts need to be at fingertips length but barely any stores sell shorts that fit like that unless you go to the boys section. If the school doesn't want girls to wear shirts that show our stomachs then, why aren't we allowed to have a shirt underneath that shows?

Thank You again for your participation in our community and I would be interested to know your opinion on our schools dress code!

Sincerely, Taya

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Taya Sevene". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely, Taya".