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District Superintendent

McSwain Union Elementary School District

Office of the Superintendent

June 10, 2010

Dear McSwain Families,

During the summer months the school administration works to prepare for the next school year. Each year we work on updating and/or refining school policies and the parent/student handbook. Some of the changes are initiated by our staff while others are directed by state and federal guidelines.

This year we felt it was necessary to notify you in advance of important changes that will have an impact on the McSwain families. The items in this letter are very important therefore the letter needs to be read in its entirety.

First, there will be a change in dismissal time for the students who will be in 3rd grade. Third graders will be dismissed at **2:50** along with the 4th – 8th graders.

Secondly, there are significant changes to our school dress code. The entire dress code can be found on the McSwain School District web site – mcswain.k12.ca.us
The areas of change are listed in this school letter. The bold faced type indicates the changes in wording.

In addition to the McSwain Union Elementary School District Dress and Grooming Policy, the following dress code policies will be enforced:

1. State law requires students to wear shoes to school, and at all times during school **activities**. Students wearing open toed, backless or platform shoes must carry an appropriate pair of closed-toed shoes for P.E. and recess. Failure to do so will result in non-participation, and may impact **the student's** grade in P.E. **Kindergarten through third graders may not wear open backed shoes. Their shoes must have straps on them for safety reasons.**
3. Caps, hats, and glasses, other than prescription, shall not be worn inside the school buildings. **Hats and/or caps must be worn facing front, and must not include any text, words, graphics and/or pictures, with the exception that a one-inch by one-inch product logo, or hats worn in connection with the wearing school athletic uniform, as otherwise provided herein, is permissible.** Students who abuse this privilege will have their hats confiscated.

4. **Strapless, halter, spaghetti strap, and/or razorback style tops and/or dresses** are not allowed. Tops with straps must have at least half-inch straps. Regardless of the size of straps, underclothing cannot be exposed.
6. **Any clothing, including jackets, coats and/or shoes, which may be determined to be gang-related will not be allowed at school or school related activities.**
7. **Clothing may not include any writing, text, words, graphics and/or pictures, with the exception that a one-inch by one-inch product logo is permissible, and McSwain Elementary School athletic uniforms may be worn by school athletes in the promotion of a school team, upon instruction by McSwain Elementary School coaches. McSwain Elementary School shirts are also permissible.**

In summary the new dress code allows clothing of solid colors, stripes, or printed fabric without graphics, pictures, text, or wording. The only graphic or logo allowed will be a 1" X 1" brand logo or school shirt logo.

Important dates to remember:

Monday, August 16, 2010 - First day of school – 8:10 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010 - McSwain Education Foundation Fundraiser -
"Taste of California"

Thank you for your continued support. Questions regarding McSwain School or this letter can be directed to Supt. Stan Mollart – 354-2623, Principal Terrie Rohrer – 354-2714 or Asst. Principal C.W. Smith – 354-2716.

Respectfully,

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