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PROPOSED DECISION REGARDING WATERLOO SCHOOL DRESS CODE

WATERLOO -- The Waterloo Community School District has received from the Iowa Department of Education’s Administrative Law Judge, a copy of her proposed decision regarding the Standardized Dress Code of the Waterloo Schools (see attached) The recommended decision will be presented to the State Board of Education at its September 15, 2011, meeting.

Board President Mike Young stated, “We are grateful that the Administrative Law Judge affirmed that our policy, in its entirety, complies with Iowa law. We continue to move forward with our focus on teaching and learning, keeping student achievement as our primary goal.”

“Our schools are safer and have a more desirable climate for learning because of the dress code,” Superintendent Gary Norris stated. “Parents and community members overwhelmingly support this policy, as they have witnessed the dramatic effects. In fact, some initial critics have since concluded that it is good for our students and our community. Implementation district-wide has gone very smoothly.”

“ Parents and citizens should be reassured that the board continues its central mission: increased student achievement and a safe inviting, school climate,” continued Young. “We will stay true to our core mission. The bottom line is that the Dress Code is good for kids.”

President Young, Superintendent Norris, and District spokesperson Sharon Miller will be available for comment—please contact Sharon Miller at 319-239-6208 to arrange this.

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