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SCHOOL LAW ALERT:
SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS SCHOOLS' AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE DRESS CODE REGULATIONS

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (which includes Michigan in its jurisdiction) recently upheld the right of school districts to enforce comprehensive dress codes. In Blau v Fort Thomas Public School District, decided February 8, 2005, the Court rejected a middle school student's claim that the dress code violated her First Amendment(1) right to freedom of expression, and her claim under the Fourteenth Amendment that it violated a substantive due process right to wear clothes of her choosing. The Court also rejected the claim of the female student's father that the code violated his fundamental, substantive due process right to control his child's education.

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