Letter to Mr. Latting

Uniforms have been around since school was and lately they have become a very heated topic of discussion. This not sudden but important debate is due to the passionate opinions of so many people pro uniform and so many others against it. Uniforms are however just another distraction and thing for teachers to worry about. Uniforms for many reasons are unnecessary in public schools.

The first problem with uniforms is that they take importance away from the things that really matter in schools. Tom Houlihan, Author, educational consultant, and former superintendent of schools, Oxford, North Carolina says that “School uniforms are not a bad thing; it’s just that the random acts of improvement are a distraction from focusing on systematic and fundamental transformation to improve our schools.” (<http://www.education.com/debate/school-uniforms/>) Uniforms are a heated topic for no reason other then it’s a belief of people that they should or should not be around. They take energy and focus away from important things like how well the curriculum helps students learn or what subjects should be main subjects mandatory to be taught. The second problem is they take away the freedom teens have to express themselves through clothes. Robyn Silverman, Child and teen development specialist told experts on “Today” news “At a time where teens and preteens want to express themselves, clothes provide a vehicle, a benign vehicle, to allow them to express themselves and say, ‘I’m different,’ without having to approach more risky ways of saying the same thing,”

<http://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2013/school-uniform-study>

<http://www.today.com/parents/are-school-uniforms-helping-or-hindering-6C10945768>