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Finding Transitions



1. Read the following essay and highlight any transitional words or phrases.
2. Identify which category the transition word fits into from the chart.

Nineteen percent of public school principals reported requiring school uniforms. Although this number is low, it is increasing. Students should have to wear school uniforms because it leads to uniformity, makes mornings easier for parents and children, and creates an even playing field. Even though this issue is highly debated, the answer is obviously yes to school uniforms.

For the most part school uniforms lead to uniformity. Educators and experts who are pro school uniforms believe they contribute positively to students' behavior. For example, they believe when students wear uniforms, they feel more professional and behave accordingly. In addition, many educators believe students can become distracted by fashion trends and status symbol clothing. Some people may say requiring uniforms takes away individuality, but students can still express themselves through jewelry, hair, etc. Therefore, when all students are dressed in regulation uniforms, there is less focus on fashion in the classroom and more focus on learning.

Another reason students should wear uniforms is because it makes the mornings easier for parents and students. When there

is no debate on what a student is allowed to wear to school, mornings are easier for everyone. All involved know exactly what the kids need to wear- their uniform. It may be argued that children will be more difficult in the morning because they want to make their own choices, but as soon as children realize they do not have many options, the mornings will be easier. Consequently, this decreases morning arguments, benefitting everyone.

A final reason students should wear uniforms is because it creates an even playing field. One of the most obvious arguments for school uniforms is that by having all children dressed the same, there is a decrease in bullying and teasing. In this era of status brands and high-fashion trends, clothing has become the definitive status symbol for children and teens. People may say students are losing their identity by requiring certain clothes, but it helps everyone. By evening the playing field with uniforms, there is less opportunity for children to be picked on or shunned for their clothes. Correspondingly, parents do not have to spend as much money on their children's weekly clothes.

All things considered, uniforms are the way to go for students. While not all students will love them, it will create more uniformity, make morning easier for students, and finally, create an even playing field for all students. With this in mind, vote "yes" on the school ballot to approve uniforms for the upcoming school year.

