**Prompt: The readings discussed the advantages and disadvantages of students wearing school uniforms. Write an essay giving your opinion on whether students should be required to wear school uniforms.**

I Yes School Uniforms

R1 Parents approve a. saves money

 b. easier getting ready for school

R2 Equality a. no clothing competition

 b. teamwork

R3 Benefits a. less peer pressure/bullying

 b. positive student attitude

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**There has been a lot of debate and discussion about whether students should be required to wear uniforms. I believe students should be required to wear uniforms because parents approve of school uniforms, it creates equality among students, and there are many benefits when students wear uniforms to school. It is my belief that requiring students to wear uniforms will have many positive effects.**

 **To begin with, I believe students should be required to wear uniforms because parents approve of school uniforms. Many parents like the idea of students wearing uniforms because they can save money. According to the text, Parents in Favor of School Uniforms, “A national survey done in 2013 found that 94% of the people surveyed believe that school uniforms were more cost effective for parents than regular clothes.” This shows that parents are very much in favor of school uniforms since they are able to save money every month because they don’t need to purchase regular school clothes for their kids. Furthermore, in my opinion parents approve of school uniforms because students are able to get ready for school much faster when they are wearing uniforms. Based on the text, Parents in Favor of School Uniforms, when students wear uniforms to school this decreases tardiness since students do not have to figure out what to wear and arrive to school on time. This explains the advantage that school uniforms have when students are getting dressed for school in the morning. It is clear that parents are strong supporters of students wearing uniforms to school.**

 **Next, I feel that students should be required to wear uniforms because it creates equality among students. When students wear uniforms to school they are all dressed the same and this eliminates clothing competition. In the text, Why School Uniforms are Good for Students, it explains “Children who wear uniforms don’t feel the need to compete with each other over the latest clothing brands.” This is an example of the positive effects that uniforms have since students no longer need to compete with one another about what they wear to school. In addition, I believe when students wear uniforms to school it helps to create a sense of unity in the classroom. The author states in Why School Uniforms are Good for Students, when students wear school uniforms they develop a positive feeling since they are a part of a team. This demonstrates how positive feelings are promoted when students are all wearing the same clothes. Students feel equal among their classmates when they wear school uniforms.**

 **Finally, from my point of view students should be required to wear school uniforms because of the positive benefits. One of the benefits of school uniforms is that it decreases bullying and reduces the amount of peer pressure among students. From the readings, Say Yes to Uniforms, it states that “A 2013 study of school principals revealed that 86% of school leaders had noticed a positive impact on peer pressure and 64% said uniforms reduce bullying.” This confirms that school administrators favor school uniforms since it has positive effects for students. Moreover, I think when students wear uniforms to school they develop a positive school attitude. According to the article, Why School Uniforms are Good for Students, it was reported that elementary aged students that wore uniforms had a better attitude toward their school then students who wore regular clothes. This expresses how students exhibit positive feelings towards their school when dressed in uniform. It is evident that uniforms provide many positive benefits for students.**

 **In conclusion, I strongly believe that students benefit greatly when they are required to wear uniforms. I believe students should be required to wear uniforms because parents approve of school uniforms, it creates equality among students, and there are many benefits when students wear uniforms to school. It is my opinion that all schools in the United States should implement a mandatory school uniform policy.**

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**\*Topic Sentences- Highlighted Purple \*Detail “B” Sentences – Blue underlined**