

# **MONROE WRETCHED 9/26/2008**

## **EDITORIAL**

### **GITMO POLICIES AT MONROE MUST GO**

Well, they've done it again. Our school board, in the infinite wisdom, has forced down our throats a dress code that is nothing short of draconian think that this dress code is just ridiculous. Last year we were treated to the spectacle of seeing what the Administration thought of one of our teachers. It was not a pretty sight. Now, instead of getting rid of that ugly sight, our fearless leaders have set their sight on what they view as truly ugly, students expressing themselves.

Is a dress code necessary? For that matter, is it constitutional? After all, we don't lose our 1st Amendment rights when we walk through the school house door...make that after we walk through the metal detector. We have rights. This is America. The fools who pander to the electorate to get into office have launched a crusade against students who look different or who act in a way that is out of the norm.

This might make some sense if we were all robots living in some Futureworld where everything is controlled by The Man. With the exception of some of the mindless students who support the dress code, we are not robots. With statements like "A dress code is necessary. A few kids wrecked it for everyone " and "I got tired of looking at kids with their underwear showing", some robotic students may have ingratiated themselves with the Administration and fooled the public into believing that the student body supports this idiocy.

Well, the electorate should consider these statements from normal students overheard at the cafeteria the first day of school: "I felt safer when I knew who the gang kids were. Now they all blend together"; "Why aren't the kids being heard?" ; "This isn't the military"; "Dress Code Sucks, I Don't Want To Be A Clone"; "I don't like it. You can't express yourself".

The totalitarian approach taken by the Board in ramming this policy through based upon false claims of increased security in the school is reminiscent of the Bush Administration's excuse for the torture of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. The Gitmo prisoners have been subjected to all sorts of physical abuse in the name of security. We are now being subjected to our School's version of waterboarding. Either give them what they want, or get abused. Either wear the uniform or get expelled. It makes me sick to think so many lemmings exist at this school who are willing to just sit back and take things. Protest. Get the people on our side. As for me, whenever I think of this idiotic policy I will scream "GITMO, GITMO!" You should too.