

Wilmington, Delaware  
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**WHEREAS**, the Wilmington City Council recognizes that public education plays a vital

**Sponsor:**

role in preparing students for academic success, civic responsibility, and future employment;

**Council  
Member  
Oliver**

and;

**WHEREAS**, schools are entrusted with maintaining learning environments that are safe, orderly, and conducive to instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, school dress codes are established to support a focused and respectful learning environment by setting clear expectations appropriate for the school environment; and

**WHEREAS**, attire such as sleepwear and pajamas, while appropriate in private settings, during school hours may present concerns related to student dignity and personal boundaries in school settings; and

**WHEREAS**, the wearing of sleepwear or pajamas during the school day may contribute to situations in which students feel uncomfortable or are subject to unwanted conduct, which dress code policies are intended to help prevent; and

**WHEREAS**, school districts possess the authority to adopt and enforce dress code policies to address concerns related to student comfort and conduct.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON** encourages school districts to enforce their school dress codes and prohibit the wearing of pajamas or sleepwear during regular school hours, except where specifically permitted for school-sanctioned events or activities.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Legislative body affirms that such enforcement should be carried out in a fair, age-appropriate, and non-punitive manner, with respect for student dignity and recognition of the authority of local school districts and school boards.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution encourages school districts and school boards to enforce school dress codes and prohibit sleepwear or pajamas during school hours to address concerns related to student comfort and conduct.