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Dear Parents of Upper School Girls:

Our dress code indicates that skirts are to be no shorter than two inches above the knee. Over the years, some girls have grown (in one direction or another), some have had their skirts hemmed shorter, and some have rolled their skirts over at the waist. We now have a problem of skirts that do not meet the dress code, and the issue is significant enough that guests on our campus have noticed and called to express concern.

I met with all the girls today and reminded them of the regulation skirt length. I showed them how to use a credit card to find out if their skirts are long enough. (While sitting, use the short side of a credit card to measure 2 inches from the top of the kneecap. Draw a line on your leg. Stand in front of a mirror with the skirt on to see if the line shows. If it does, the skirt is too short.)

If your daughter's skirts are too short, she will have until after the Christmas break to make adjustments. It may be possible to have the skirt altered and the hem let down. It may be necessary to purchase a new skirt.

When students return to school on January 5, I will expect everyone to be in compliance with the 2-inch rule. That gives you six weeks to figure out a plan.

Please understand that my primary concern is modesty. As girls sit on the floor, bend over at their lockers, walk up the stairs, and get up from the lunch tables, frankly not much is left to the imagination. I appreciate the girls' wearing modesty shorts, but we don't want to see them.

Please let me know if you have questions. I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Melanie P. Semore
Head of the Upper School