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Carver has new strict dress code

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Carver High School students will spend less time deciding what to wear this coming school year.



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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education voted last month to approve school leaders' request to adopt a Standard Mode of Dress for all students, making Carver and Atkins the only two local public high schools with such a dress code.

Students will be required to wear khaki or black slacks, shorts or knee length skirts (form fitting skirts are prohibited) at the hipbone with a belt and with a gold, royal blue, white, black or khaki knit polo or golf shirt. Logos are prohibited, except for clothing bearing the school's insignia. Similar restrictions apply to coats, jackets and other outerwear.

Assistant Principal Robin Willard began advocating for a dress code shortly after joining the school's administrative team last fall.

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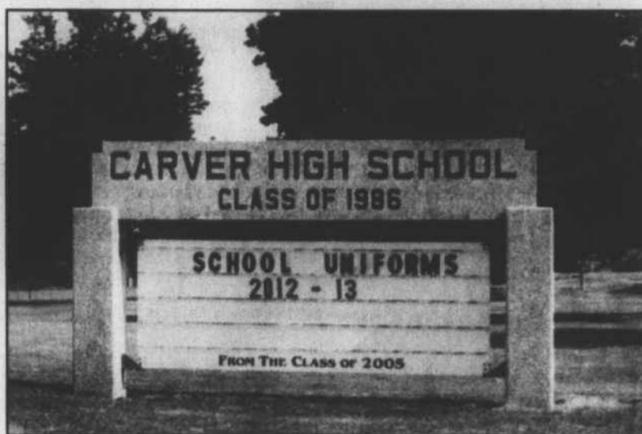


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The sign outside of Carver High informs students and others of the impending dress code changes.



Black YW employees unhappy with changes

African Americans taking backseat under new YWCA leadership, some say

BY LAYLA GARMS
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The YWCA of Winston-Salem is well known for its mission of "Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women," but some African American employees say that the agency has stopped practicing what it preaches.

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Corpening

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ALL AMERICAN FAMILY



Photo by Layla Garms

Affina Sedjro (third from the left) proudly displays a certificate declaring her an American citizen. Also pictured are her husband Koffi Lougou (second from left), their children Solomon Lougou, 13, Blessing Lougou, 4, Delali, 16, and Eli, 25, daughter-in-law Sierra Rondon (second from right) and granddaughter Alexia.

Democrats returning to polls for Second Primary

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Two Democrats are facing off in a Second Primary for the chance to challenge N.C. Commissioner of Labor Cherie Berry in November.

John C. Brooks and Marlowe Foster were the top two finishers in the three-man primary election in May. The second primary is allowed because neither Brooks nor Foster garnered at least 40 percent of the vote, explained Lamar Joyner, deputy director of the Forsyth County Board of Elections. Only Democratic and unaffiliated voters who voted in the Democratic primary in May are eligible to vote this primary, which will be on Tuesday, July 17. Early voting is going on now at the Forsyth County



John Brooks



Marlowe Foster

Government Center, 201 N. Chestnut St., where the Board of Elections is housed, and will conclude Saturday - the only weekend voting day of the Second Primary. On July 17, voters can cast ballots at their regular precincts.

Brooks and Foster are the only names on the Democratic ballot. Republican voters will decide runoff races for Lieutenant Governor, Commissioner of Insurance, Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Joyner said. Only Republican or unaffiliated voters who voted using the GOP primary ballot are eligible to vote in those races.

Foster, director of Government Affairs for Pfizer Inc., said he requested the runoff because the race was so close. He trailed Brooks, a native of Greenville, by about 35,000 votes after the primary; about 780,000 N.C. residents voted in that race.

"We got 33 percent of the vote the first time out. That is incredible," said Foster, a native of

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Push to drive business out of politics draws attention

Photos by Todd Luck

Occupy Winston-Salem's Thomas Linebach (left) and Tom Garner (right) and Debra Demske and Tony Ndege (in picture to the far right) hold signs along Fourth Street.



BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Democracy North Carolina took aim at the influence that money has in politics last Friday in Downtown Winston-Salem.

The organization - which bills itself as a non-partisan body that advocates for issues like public campaign finance reform and early voting - kicked off its "We the People: Truth Tour" at Civic Plaza, which sits at the intersection of Fourth and Trade streets. The event was held in conjunction with the Occupy Winston-Salem movement in response to the controversial U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United ruling that reaffirmed the rights of corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money in political campaigns. The Court based its ruling on the idea that corporations are people and to restrict their political expenditures would deny them their First Amendment right to political speech. Critics say the ruling gives corporations even more



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