WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wildcat Students, Parents and Guardians-

We have continually watched the weather and have worked closely with our student government and student council leaders as we look towards this Friday's Halloween Assembly. While the weather (and the pandemic) has not made getting outside easy, it does appear that Friday will clear up enough for us to get together at Proctor Field. Dressing warmly is highly encouraged.

With that said, let us take this moment to clearly communicate expectations and concerns regarding Halloween costumes in school. While many schools and communities have stepped away from costumes during the school day, WHS is welcoming school appropriate costuming as part of this week's Spirit Week. Some guiding questions are found below, that were developed by students in the "Race, Class and Gender" course and are connected to an article from Education Week. Questions include:

- Does the costume represent a community or culture that is not your own?
- Is your costume offensive to any race, religion, culture, belief, or group of people?
- Does your costume reinforce stereotypes?
- Does your costume mock/make fun of/or represent a certain group of people/culture/belief etc. in any way?
- Did people from the other culture endure negative experiences that people from your culture have not?
- Does your costume break the school's dress code?

If you said yes to any of these questions...*please find another costume.* Students not able to effectively and appropriately follow the guidelines will be asked to change their costume/outfit and will not be permitted to participate in the Halloween Assembly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

Sincerely,

Paul Peri and Kelly Flynn