

and should focus its energy on staff shortages and financial issues, she said. She felt the policies were walking a fine legal line and said charter schools are still subject to all state and federal laws against discrimination. The goal should be to give kids the best education, but MA was starting to feel more like a military academy, not a public school of choice.

Student Calvin Yuen also said he supported having some order in school where kids are supposed to learn. He said he agreed with the rules on hair color and offensive shirts, though that could be hard to define, but not allowing boys to paint their nails seemed stupid. He did not feel that boys painting their nails was distracting, nor girls wearing suits and ties

as they have at school dances and thought prohibiting boys from wearing skirts might be illegal. What was distracting to his learning environment, he said, was vulgar acts like kids doing the Nazi salute after learning

about World War II or kids in assemblies chanting "Let's Go Brandon."

Finally, representative to MA's Sources of Strength program and Student Council member Lindsay Yuen wrote

a letter to the board and COO saying she felt the dress code changes would only make things worse at the school. She felt that a transgender student who

thought MA was the best choice academically would not benefit from being told they could not wear skirts, makeup, or ties based on their gender assigned



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