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**Annual Shareholder Meeting Notice**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the UniFirst Corporation 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on January 10, 2017**

Under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders of UniFirst Corporation are available on the Internet. Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a copy. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important!

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting. The proxy statement and 2016 annual report to shareholders are available at:

[www.investorvote.com](http://www.investorvote.com)



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When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

**Step 1:** Go to [www.investorvote.com](http://www.investorvote.com).

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**Step 4:** Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and vote.

When you go online, you can also help the environment by consenting to receive electronic delivery of future materials.



**Obtaining a Copy of the Proxy Materials –** If you want to receive a copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed on the reverse side on or before January 2, 2017 to facilitate timely delivery.



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## Annual Shareholder Meeting Notice

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The 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of UniFirst Corporation will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the corporate offices of UniFirst Corporation, located at 68 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** all of the nominees set forth in Proposal 1 and **FOR** Proposal 2:

1. Election of three (3) Class II Directors, nominated by the Board of Directors, each to serve for a term of three years until the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified.  
01 - Ronald D. Croatti                      02 - Thomas S. Postek                      03 - Raymond C. Zemlin
2. Ratification of appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending August 26, 2017.

Note: In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon any other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

**PLEASE NOTE – YOU CANNOT VOTE BY RETURNING THIS NOTICE.** To vote your shares you must vote online or request a paper copy of the proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the meeting, please bring this notice with you. Directions to the Annual Meeting are available by visiting [www.unifirst.com](http://www.unifirst.com) and clicking on the "Contact" link.



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- **Email** – Send email to [investorvote@computershare.com](mailto:investorvote@computershare.com) with "Proxy Materials UniFirst Corporation" in the subject line. Include in the message your full name and address, plus the number located in the shaded bar on the reverse, and state in the email that you want a paper copy of current meeting materials. You can also state your preference to receive a paper copy for future meetings.

To facilitate timely delivery, all requests for a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received by January 2, 2017.