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with disabilities to wear these clothes and showed zero understanding and compassion for a disabled child and their parents. I was one of these disabled children.

I was born with a condition called Congenital Talipes Equinovarus (CTEV) or as it is commonly called "Club Foot." Since both of my feet were affected my case is called Bilateral Club Foot. This is a congenital deformity where the affected foot or feet have been rotated internally at the ankle. Thank goodness I was born after a cure was found or I wouldn't be able to walk today.

Immediately after birth my feet were put in casts and then in shoes with bars. In elementary school and beyond, I was forced to wear special orthopedic shoes. I remember begging and crying to wear normal shoes like everyone else. If I was a child today in an elementary school in Clifton, under this "uniform policy" my parents would have to announce to the world my disability to opt me out of this uniform policy.

I can tell you with first-hand knowledge this is the last thing a child with any type of disability wants - if anything they want to opt in and be just like everyone else. How I begged to be like everyone else.

For anyone to say this opt out policy for disabled children is a solution or to the heartless woman who spoke, this is what I have to say. Thank your lucky stars you did not have a child with a disability.

To Commissioner (Rosemary) Pino, who stated in her remarks that the people who spoke against the uniforms were good actors and should go to Hollywood - how insensitive your remarks were to me personally as a child born with a physical disability and to any child or parent today dealing with a disability issue.

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## Uniforms not good for disabled

At the last uniform forum I shared a very personal story due to comments from one of the "pro-uniform" speakers who said it was no big deal for children