UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) January 4, 2012

UNIFIRST CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

	Massachusetts	001-08504	04-2103460
((State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
		nspin Road, Wilmington, Massachusetts 01887 ress of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)	
	Registrant's to	elephone number, including area code: (978) 658	3-8888
	k the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is sions:	intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obl	igation of the registrant under any of the following
[]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 und (17 CFR 230.425)	der the Securities Act	
[]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under (17 CFR 240.14a-12)	the Exchange Act	
[]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to R (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))	Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act	
[]	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to R (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))	Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act	

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On January 4, 2012, UniFirst Corporation (the "Company") issued a press release ("Press Release") announcing financial results for the first quarter of fiscal 2012, which ended on November 26, 2011. A copy of the Press Release is attached as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 2.02, including the exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, including for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

99 Press release of the Company dated January 4, 2012

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNIFIRST CORPORATION

Date: January 4, 2012 By: /s/ Ronald D. Croatti

Name:

Ronald D. Croatti Chairman of the Board, Chief Title:

Executive Officer and President

By: /s/ Steven S. Sintros Name: Steven S. Sintros

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99 Press release of the Company dated January 4, 2012



News

For Immediate Release UniFirst Corporation

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UNIFIRST ANNOUNCES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF FISCAL 2012

Wilmington, MA (January 4, 2012) – UniFirst Corporation (NYSE: UNF) today announced results for its first quarter of fiscal 2012, which ended on November 26, 2011. Revenues were \$313.0 million, up 14.6% from \$273.1 million for the first quarter a year ago. Net income was \$25.8 million (\$1.30 per diluted common share), compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2011 when net income was \$23.8 million (\$1.20 per diluted common share).

Ronald D. Croatti, UniFirst President and Chief Executive Officer said, "We are very pleased with the strong revenue growth in our core laundry operations during the quarter which was the result of the continued outstanding performance of our sales and service organizations. The excellent results of our Specialty Garments and First Aid segments also contributed to the quarter's top and bottom line growth."

Core laundry revenues for the quarter were \$272.3 million, up 14.1% from those reported in the same period in fiscal 2011. Excluding the positive effects of acquisitions and a stronger Canadian dollar, core laundry revenues increased 12.1%. Income from operations for this segment grew 1.7% compared to the first quarter of fiscal 2011, but fell as a percentage of revenues to 12.8% from 14.4% a year ago. As anticipated, the operating margin decline in the core laundry operations was due primarily to increased merchandise amortization as a percentage of revenues. The impact of the merchandise was partially offset by lower payroll and payroll related costs as well as depreciation expense as a percentage of revenues.

Revenues for the Specialty Garments segment, which consists of nuclear decontamination and cleanroom operations, were \$30.3 million in the first quarter, up 17.3% compared to the same period a year ago. This increase was primarily the result of increased North American project related revenues as well as strong performances from the segment's European operations and cleanroom business. As a result of the revenue growth, income from operations for this segment increased to \$6.6 million in the first quarter from \$4.0 million a year earlier.

Earnings comparisons for the quarter were helped by a decrease in net interest expense of \$1.7 million from the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The decrease was due to the expiration of an interest rate swap and the payment of \$75.0 million in private placement notes that came due in June 2011. Conversely, the Company recognized foreign exchange losses of \$0.6 million in the quarter versus gains of \$0.2 million for the same quarter a year ago. In addition, the effective income tax rate for the quarter was 38.3% compared to 37.0% in the first quarter of fiscal 2011. The year ago first quarter tax rate benefited from the reversal of tax contingency reserves related to the resolution of certain state tax audits.

UniFirst continues to maintain a solid balance sheet and overall financial position. Cash and cash equivalents on hand at the end of the quarter was \$54.1 million. Cash flows from operations during the quarter increased 12.8% compared to the same quarter a year ago. In addition, the percentage of debt to total capital declined to 12.0%.

Outlook

Mr. Croatti continued, "Although unemployment levels remain high, we are starting to see some improvement in the wearer levels of our existing customer base. Based on this improvement, as well as the strength of our first quarter, we are raising our full year fiscal 2012 guidance. We now project revenues to be between \$1.220 billion and \$1.235 billion and diluted earnings per share to be between \$3.85 and \$4.05."

Conference Call Information

UniFirst will hold a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. (ET) to discuss its quarterly financial results, business highlights and outlook. A simultaneous live webcast of the call will be available over the Internet and can be accessed at www.UniFirst.com.

About UniFirst Corporation

UniFirst Corporation is one of the largest providers of workplace uniforms, protective clothing, and facility services products in North America. The Company employs approximately 11,000 Team Partners who serve more than 240,000 customer locations in 45 U.S. states, Canada, and Europe from over 200 customer service, distribution, and manufacturing facilities. UniFirst is a publicly held company traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol UNF and is a component of the Standard & Poor's 600 Small Cap Index.

This public announcement may contain forward looking statements that reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance. Forward looking statements contained in this public announcement are subject to the safe harbor created by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are highly dependent upon a variety of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected in such forward looking statements. Such factors include, but are not limited to, uncertainties regarding the Company's ability to consummate and successfully integrate acquired businesses, uncertainties regarding any existing or newlydiscovered expenses and liabilities related to environmental compliance and remediation, the Company's ability to compete successfully without any significant degradation in its margin rates, seasonal fluctuations in business levels, our ability to preserve positive labor relationships and avoid becoming the target of corporate labor unionization campaigns that could disrupt our business, the effect of currency fluctuations on our results of operations and financial condition, our dependence on third parties to supply us with raw materials, any loss of key management or other personnel, increased costs as a result of any future changes in federal or state laws, rules and regulations or governmental interpretation of such laws, rules and regulations, uncertainties regarding the price levels of natural gas, electricity, fuel and labor, the impact of adverse economic conditions and the current tight credit markets on our customers and such customers' workforce, the level and duration of workforce reductions by our customers, the continuing increase in domestic healthcare costs, demand and prices for our products and services, rampant criminal activity and instability in Mexico where our principal garment manufacturing plants are located, additional professional and internal costs necessary for compliance with recent and proposed future changes in Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Stock Exchange and accounting rules, strikes and unemployment levels, the Company's efforts to evaluate and potentially reduce internal costs, economic and other developments associated with the war on terrorism and its impact on the economy, general economic conditions and other factors described under "Item 1A. Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 27, 2011 and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. When used in this public announcement, the words "anticipate," "optimistic," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," and similar expressions as they relate to the Company are included to identify such forward looking statements. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which such statements are made.

UniFirst Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Income

	Thirtee	a week	November 27, 2010 (2)	
(In thousands, except per share data)	November 20 2011 (2)	, N		
Revenues	\$ 313,02	5 \$	273,090	
Operating expenses:				
Cost of revenues (1)	195,13	9	163,235	
Selling and administrative expenses (1)	59,12	4	55,183	
Depreciation and amortization	16,40	8	15,502	
Total operating expenses	270,6	1	233,920	
Income from operations	42,33	4	39,170	
Other expense (income):				
Interest expense	5′	3	2,203	
Interest income	(63		(582	
Exchange rate loss (gain)	62	/	(172	
Exchange rate 1055 (gain)	50		1,449	
Income before income taxes	41,78	5	37,721	
Provision for income taxes				
Provision for income taxes	15,98	3	13,957	
Net income	\$ 25,80	<u>\$</u>	23,764	
Income per share – Basic				
Common Stock	\$ 1.3	7 \$	1.26	
Class B Common Stock	\$ 1.0	9 \$	1.01	
Income per share – Diluted				
Common Stock	\$ 1.3	\$0 \$	1.20	
Income allocated to – Basic				
Common Stock	\$ 20,23	8 \$	18,604	
Class B Common Stock	\$ 5,00	8 \$	4,704	
Income allocated to – Diluted				
Common Stock	\$ 25,35	0 \$	23,330	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – Basic				
Common Stock	14,83	8	14,753	
Class B Common Stock	4,64	·1	4,663	
Weighted average number of shares outstanding – Diluted				
Common Stock	19,55	7	19,487	

⁽¹⁾ Exclusive of depreciation on the Company's property, plant and equipment and amortization on its intangible assets

(2) Unaudited

UniFirst Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

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UniFirst Corporation and Subsidiaries Detail of Operating Results

Revenues

	Thirteen weeks ended					
(In thousands, except percentages)		vember 26, 2011 (1)		vember 27, 2010 (1)	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Core Laundry Operations	\$	272,273	\$	238,691	\$ 33,582	14.1%
Specialty Garments		30,268		25,811	4,457	17.3
First Aid		10,484		8,588	 1,896	22.1
Consolidated total	\$	313,025	\$	273,090	\$ 39,935	14.6%

Income from Operations

	Thirteen weeks ended						
(In thousands, except percentages)	No	vember 26, 2011 (1)		vember 27, 2010 (1)	_	Oollar hange	Percent Change
Core Laundry Operations	\$	34,982	\$	34,414	\$	568	1.7%
Specialty Garments		6,566		4,029		2,537	63.0
First Aid		806		727		79	10.8
Consolidated total	\$	42,354	\$	39,170	\$	3,184	8.1%

(1) Unaudited

UniFirst Corporation and Subsidiaries Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Thirteen weeks ended (In thousands)	November 26, 2011 (1)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$	25,802	\$ 23,764
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		13,727	13,125
Amortization of intangible assets		2,681	2,377
Amortization of deferred financing costs		59	67
Share-based compensation		1,668	1,684
Accretion on environmental contingencies		158	170
Accretion on asset retirement obligations		158	147
Deferred income taxes		51	5,433
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Receivables		(16,100)	(17,274)
Inventories		2,332	(4,759)
Rental merchandise in service		(7,505)	(5,133)
Prepaid expenses		(3,137)	(2,443)
Accounts payable		3,529	2,677
Accrued liabilities		623	2,077
Prepaid and accrued income taxes		6,608	5,254
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	30,654	27,166
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Acquisition of businesses		_	(2,220)
Capital expenditures		(13,966)	(12,250)
Other		(118)	(776)
Net cash used in investing activities		(14,084)	(15,246)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from long-term obligations		7,000	_
Payments on long-term obligations		(15,371)	(496)
Proceeds from exercise of Common Stock options		248	153
Payment of cash dividends		(709)	(707)
Net cash used in financing activities		(8,832)	(1,050)
Effect of exchange rate changes		(2,427)	1,137
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		5,311	12,007
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		48,812	121,258
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	54,123	\$ 133,265

(1) Unaudited