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[20263001]

UNIFIRST Corp. declared a 2-for-1 stock split .

[20263002]

The Wilmington , Mass. , garment service company also boosted its quarterly dividend 20 % to three cents a share adjusted for the split .

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The dividend had been five cents a share .

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The split and quarterly dividend will be payable Jan. 3 to stock of record Nov. 16 , the company said .

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The split will raise the number of shares outstanding to about 10.2 million .

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A year earlier UniFirst earned \$ 2.4 million , or 24 cents a share adjusted for the split .

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Sales rose to \$ 52.4 million from \$ 50.1 million .