

RESOLUTION TO RETIRE THE USE OF "INDIANS" IN REFERENCE TO ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

WHEREAS Lemont High School was established in 1890; and

WHEREAS Lemont High School's athletic teams were referred to as the "Indians" from 1948-68, as the "Injuns" from 1968-2005, and again as the "Indians" from 2006-21; and

WHEREAS organizations including the National Commission on Civil Rights, American Psychological Association and National Congress of American Indians, among others, have called for discontinuing the use of Native American names and symbols as nicknames and/or mascots by non-Native schools; and

WHEREAS the Lemont High School District 210 Board of Education acknowledges that imagery, depictions, phrases and references considered acceptable at one time now may be considered derogatory or offensive toward a person or class of people, which may hinder providing an ideal learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS Lemont High School's student handbook states, "It is essential Lemont High School promotes in students not only a self image deeply rooted in a sense of personal dignity, but also the development of attitudes grounded in respect for and understanding of other persons, races, religions and cultures"; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lemont High School District 210 Board of Education approves the discontinuation of the use of "Indians" in reference to the school's student activities and athletic teams effective at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, and to begin phasing out the use of the "LHS Indians" logo for activities and athletics; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lemont High School District 210 Board of Education will determine whether the school will adopt a new name in reference to its student activities and athletic teams, and if so, the process for selection.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19th day of July 2021.



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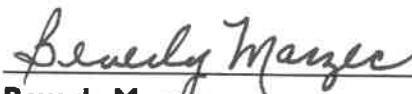
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