



One Community, Transforming Lives

February 16, 2023

Community Forum via Zoom hosted by Superintendent Farr

March 21, 2023

Superintendent Farr appealed to Haudenosaunee Faith Keeper to bring our case before a tribal council for consideration

March 23, 2023 to Present

Superintendent Farr working with the other five superintendents in NYS who have a school name, Braves, to attempt to make an appeal to NYSED for the name Brave to be considered acceptable

April 18, 2023

NYSED approved the Regulation specific to usage of Indigenous Peoples names, symbols and mascots in the State of New York.


April 21, 2023

District updated the community on the regulation.

**What has
happened since
our last forum?**



Documents Reviewed


THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12294

TO: P-12 Education Committee

FROM: Angelique Johnson-Dingle *Angelique Johnson-Dingle*

SUBJECT: Proposed Addition of Part 123 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Prohibiting the Use of Indigenous Names, Mascots, and Logos by Public Schools

DATE: April 6, 2023

AUTHORIZATION(S): *Tom M. [Signature]*

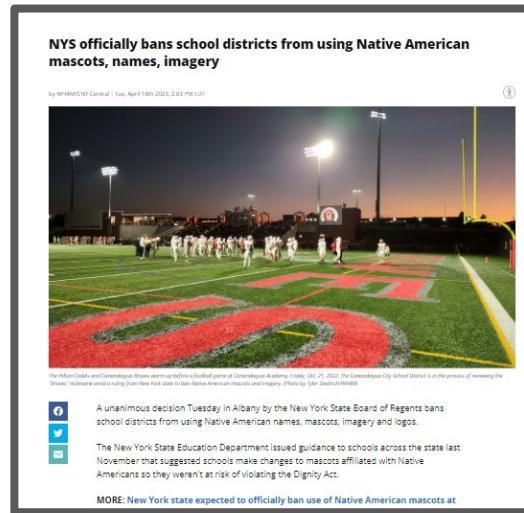
SUMMARY

Issue for Decision

Should the Board of Regents adopt a new part 123 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education relating to prohibiting the use of Indigenous names, mascots, and logos by public schools?

Reason for Consideration

State statute (Education Law §10 et seq., the "Dignity for all Students Act") and review of policy.



... apologies for the delay in response. We appreciate your inquiry and work to ensure all students across New York State have a warm, welcoming learning environment to learn, grow, and thrive. The Department has discussed this matter internally and have consulted with the Indigenous Mascot Advisory Group, a group the Department convened to provide NYSED with guidance on school mascots from an Indigenous perspective. Subsequent to the Department's 2001 memo from then Commissioner Mills, reinforced by the [November 2022 Memo](#) from Senior Deputy Commissioner Jill Ildwin, at the December 2022 Board of Regents meeting, NYSED [proposed regulations regarding a prohibition on the use of Indigenous team names, mascots, and logos by public schools](#). A [notice of proposed Rulemaking](#) (see page 33) was then published in the State Register on December 28, 2022, for a 60-day public comment period. Following the 60-day comment period, which has ended, and if adopted at the April 17-18, 2023 Board of Regents meeting, the Department will develop guidance regulations with a broad range of stakeholders that will be shared with the field. Based on the comments received, we do not expect any significant revisions to the proposed regulations that will require another round of publication and comment period.

... e applaud the XXXXXXXX School District's work in this area under our leadership. The community focused conversations you are having are laudable. After extensive consultation and discussion, it is the Department's position that team names such as the "Braves", or permutations of that name that are substantially similar such as "Brave" that derived from the original name, are vestiges of practices contrary to the requirements of the proposed regulations and New York State's Dignity for All Students Act given the history of the team name in the Avon Central School District. Although some imagery and other aspects of the connection between the team name and Indigenous Nations or individuals manage, the connection, connotations, and importantly, history of these practices remain with the "Braves" or "Brave" as a team name as well as images associate with Indigenous peoples such as the feathers in district or team logos. Continued use of the vestiges of these names and/or images, explicitly or implicitly, contribute the continued stereotyping, caricaturization, and denigration of Indigenous peoples, a practice we are confident no educator wishes to do. As such, we recommend the district take this opportunity to re-brand as many districts across the state have or have commi



Questions & Discussion at your table

Excerpts

Albany Times from SED



"The Department will develop guidance on the regulations with a broad range of stakeholders that will be shared with the field. The Department does not anticipate that any team names, logos or mascots that contain vestiges of prohibited team names, logos, or mascots will be considered acceptable"

SED Mascot Advisory Committee



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According to SED, “Brave” is a vestige and will not be approved.

SURVEY 1

***Friday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 10**

Community chooses from selected list of symbols they like and add additional suggestions; Students, staff, and parents, will receive the survey through a ParentSquare post. Also shared on social media and the District Website (for community members and alumni).

SURVEY 2

Friday, June 2 - Wednesday, June 7

Based on suggestions and what is most popular, community narrows down selections to fewer choices

SURVEY 3

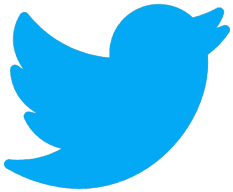
Friday, June 16 - Wednesday, June 21

Community votes a final time for a school nickname after previewing potential concepts

**PES students will be included in the final survey*

New School Symbol Announced: Early July

How do I access the survey?



The Canandaigua City School District will share
SURVEY ONE via social media,
the district website, and through ParentSquare.



**Friday, May 5, 2023 at 3 pm
to Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 3 pm**



Note: The District Facebook is currently not publishing posts
and the problem has been reported to Facebook

What should our school nickname be?

Please discuss at your table ideas you have or have heard for a new school nickname. School colors will remain cherry & gray.

1. Canandaigua [No Nickname]
2. Canandaigua Bears
3. Canandaigua Big Red
4. Canandaigua Bison
5. Canandaigua Cardinals
6. Canandaigua Cherry & Gray
7. Canandaigua Courage
8. Canandaigua Hilltoppers
9. Canandaigua Lakers
10. Canandaigua Pride
11. Canandaigua Wave[s]
12. Suggestions



These are ideas and concepts and are not finalized de

Thank You!

**Questions Can Go In
The Q&A**

