



Dear Manhasset School Community,

As you know, the District is in the midst of a [comprehensive process](#) to change our team's name as required by Part 123 of the Commissioner's Regulations, which became effective in May, 2023.

Identifying a new team name began by soliciting suggestions from the greater Manhasset community. A committee comprised of 30 parents, students, community members, alumni, and staff was then formed to review the results and tasked with formulating a plan for the selection process. Manhasset Secondary School students were then surveyed to narrow down the [list](#) of the proposed names.

The next step in the process is to conduct a community poll of the top three choices. The community poll will be open from Monday, April 15 through Sunday, April 21. A link for the poll will be placed on our website. Parents/guardians, students in grades 7-12, district residents, and members of our staff may submit one entry per person.

Our students have selected the three preferred name choices listed in alphabetical order below.

Eagles

- The M-Feather logo for the school must be eliminated, even if the team name becomes the Eagles*
- Large, powerful bird of prey
- National symbol of the United States of America
- Typically represents strength, courage, and freedom

Manhasset or "Set"

- "Set" is the nickname traditionally used by our schools
- It represents the pride and strength of our community
- No mascot is necessary

Mavericks

- Wild, untamed animal, typically horse or cattle
- An independent or unconventional person
- One who operates free of constraints

Please note, that even though the name of our teams will change, our traditional school colors of blue and orange will remain. Our logo will continue to be a blue and orange M, however without the feather. We hope you will consider participating in our poll. We thank you for your active participation throughout this process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gaurav Passi
Superintendent of Schools

*Part 123 of the New York State Education Department Commissioner's Regulations specifically prohibits historic symbology related to the Indian name and the M-Feather logo represents this symbology. Going forward, regardless of the team name, we will be using the Manhasset "M" as our logo.