

HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RESOLUTION NO. 25-26-109

RESOLUTION REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH ASSEMBLY BILL 3074 AND CONTINUED USE OF
THE "BRAVES" MASCOT

WHEREAS, Hamilton High School, established in 1917, has proudly used the "Braves" name and mascot as a longstanding symbol of school pride, unity, resilience, and community identity; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3074 ("AB 3074"), known as the California Racial Mascots Act, expands restrictions regarding the use of Native American-related mascots, names, logos, and team identities in California public schools beginning July 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, AB 3074 permits public schools to continue use of such mascots and identities upon receiving written consent from a federally recognized Native American tribe; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Unified School District formally requested support and written consent from Grindstone Indian Rancheria pursuant to Education Code Section 221.3(e), as amended by AB 3074; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2025, the Grindstone Indian Rancheria Business Council formally approved Hamilton Unified School District's request to continue use of the "Braves" mascot and identity, recognizing the community value, educational significance, and cultural respect associated with the name; and

WHEREAS, Hamilton Unified School District acknowledges the importance of honoring Native American heritage and commits to ensuring that all uses of the "Braves" identity are respectful, educational, and free from derogatory stereotypes or imagery; and

WHEREAS, the District values continued collaboration and partnership with local tribal representatives to ensure ongoing cultural awareness, respectful representation, and educational opportunities for students and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the financial, historical, cultural, and emotional impacts associated with changing a mascot that has represented Hamilton High School and the Hamilton community for more than a century;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton Unified School District hereby:

1. Accepts and acknowledges the written consent and support provided by Grindstone Indian Rancheria for continued use of the "Braves" mascot and identity;
2. Affirms the District's commitment to compliance with Assembly Bill 3074 and all applicable provisions of California law;

3. Directs District administration to maintain respectful and culturally appropriate representation of the "Braves" identity in all school programs, athletics, branding, communications, and activities;
4. Encourages continued partnership and consultation with federally recognized tribes and Native American community representatives regarding cultural education and representation;
5. Authorizes the Superintendent or designee to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution and maintain compliance with applicable law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton Unified School District on this 24th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: WENDELL LOWE, ROD BOONE, GABRIEL LEAL, RAY ODOM

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: VANESSA ORTIZ

ABSTAIN: NONE

Board President



Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

