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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Legislation on Mascot
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): Martina Wagner, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested

Board action
Board Information or Report

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Background Information

This year the Minnesota Legislature passed a law to end the use of Native mascots in Minnesota public schools. MDE has reached out directly to some districts and charters, but it is also important that all districts and charters consider their own mascots and potential connection to this legislation.

“American Indian mascot” means a name, symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian Tribe (or any connection to); an individual, custom or tradition that is used by a public school as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead or team name of the district or school within the district. This includes symbols such as feathers, spears, tomahawks and Indigenous clothing. Schools and districts within a tribal reservation in Minnesota that have 95% American Indian students will be exempt from this legislation.

If districts or charters do not receive an exemption, a transition to a new mascot will need to occur by September 1, 2025.

Recommendation

None