

RESOLUTION No. 6286

Resolution to Change the Mascot of Leodis V. McDaniel High School

RECITALS

- A. Portland Public Schools acknowledges that the names of school buildings have a significant impact on the overall educational environment and can foster positive student development and sense of belonging.
- B. On February 23, 2021, the Portland Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved Resolution No. 6251 to change the name of Madison High School to Leodis V. McDaniel High School.
- C. Shortly after, the Leodis V. McDaniel community commenced an engagement process led by a committee of students, staff, parents, and community members to determine the school's new brand identity.
- D. The community engagement process was defined by both quantitative and qualitative approaches to solicit feedback from the community on the new mascot and a final recommendation from the committee to the Superintendent for his review and final recommendation to the Board of Education.
- E. The committee recommended the Mountain Lions as their first choice of the new mascot to the Superintendent.
- F. The Mountain Lion emphasizes leadership, strength, courage, integrity and power. Mountain Lions do not have to lead through force, but rather through a graceful strength of example. The symbolism of a Mountain Lion indicates leadership. Native to the Pacific Northwest, the mountain lion would be the first time it has been used as a mascot name for a 6A school in the state of Oregon.
- G. The recommendation to rename the Leodis V. McDaniel mascot the Mountain Lions will help the school community continue to live their values of Community, Respect, Education, Equity, and Diversity (CREED).
- H. The Superintendent, having reviewed the process and work of the committee, recommends to change Leodis V. McDaniel High School mascot from the Senators to the Mountain Lions.

RESOLVED

The Board thanks the committee for its thoughtful work in developing and proposing a new mascot for Leodis V. McDaniel High School. The Leodis V. McDaniel School mascot will now be known as the Mountain Lions.