

Farmington High School



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Dear Farmington Students, Families and Community Members,

We are writing to share an update on the progress of the Farmington High School Ad Hoc Committee. We have been meeting since September to examine the appropriateness of the FHS mascot. The committee has spent considerable time engaging in constructive dialogue around our two critical focus questions:

- What is the educational impact of our current mascot?
- What kind of school and community do we want to foster with respect to race and culture?

To date, our learning has been informed by presentations from local historians, respected scholars, and former students. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to join via Zoom. The link is available [here](#) or can be accessed through the [FHS Ad Hoc Committee to Address the Mascot website](#). The committee will be reviewing its recommendation to be presented to the Farmington Board of Education.

Please consider attending the meeting or reviewing the recordings and resources available on the web site. This online platform includes:

- an overview of the the Board of Education [charge and the committee's process](#)
- space to leave [written public comment and feedback](#)
- [resources](#) from the National Congress of American Indians and other organizations
- [meeting agendas and video recordings](#); all meetings are on Zoom and open to the public
- Reports from the chair that serve as brief [meeting summaries](#)

In addition, we have developed a shorter [summary video](#) to provide community members with a snapshot of the presentations that were made to the committee. While these excerpts do not capture all of the rich dialogue that has taken place, they help us learn more about the past and build perspective for the present and the future. We welcome your participation in this important community conversation.

Sincerely,

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