

State Board of Education calls upon schools to reevaluate use of Native American mascots

At the conclusion of the State Board of Education's September 26 meeting, members unanimously passed a resolution calling for school districts to reevaluate the use of Native American mascots in their schools.

The resolution echoes the findings of the [2005 American Psychological Association report](#) citing the adverse effect of Native American mascots on students. Several states, including Oregon in 2012, have passed resolutions related to the Native American mascot issue.

The decision to adopt or alter a school's mascot or logo is a local one. However, State Board of Education members hope that this resolution will prompt districts to reevaluate their policies regarding the use of mascots that are potentially derogatory or damaging to the students those districts serve.

The State Board of Education approved a similar resolution in 1993.

Both the 1993 and the 2012 State Board of Education Resolutions are available [online](#)