



# NCAI “Ending ‘Indian’ Mascots” Initiative

## NATIONAL SCHOOL MASCOT TRACKING DATABASE: THE CURRENT NUMBERS

Over the past year, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) developed a comprehensive national tracking database of Native “themed” school mascots (K-12 level), updating it daily through real-time Google alert notifications and direct, ongoing engagement with many of the schools featured in the database.\* The database features comprehensive information for each school, from online news stories to school mascot logos to detailed contact information for school principals, superintendents, and school board members.

The database enables NCAI staff to identify, track, engage, and educate those schools that are having active conversations about whether and how to change their mascots about: (1) the many documented harms that such mascots cause Native people, in particular Native youth; and (2) NCAI’s longstanding formal opposition (as a national governing body of tribal nations) to the continued use of these mascots. Currently, the database is not accessible to the public, but NCAI does provide data upon request from interested media members and scholars.

### SCHOOLS WITH NATIVE “THEMED” MASCOTS: THE CURRENT NUMBERS *(Last updated: August 20, 2020)*

OVERALL	
Total Schools	1,940
Total School Districts	1,042

“R*DSK*NS”	
Total Schools	98
Total School Districts	47

“INDIANS”	
Total Schools	805
Total School Districts	359

“BRAVES”	
Total Schools	208
Total School Districts	126

“CHIEFS”	
Total Schools	182
Total School Districts	95

“WARRIORS”	
Total Schools	419
Total School Districts	249

### RECENT SCHOOL MASCOT CHANGES – JULY-AUGUST 2020 *(Last updated: August 20, 2020)*

*Total school mascot changes in calendar year 2020: 41*

SCHOOL NAME (STATE)	MASCOT	DECISION	DATE
Glastonbury High School (CT)	“TOMAHAWKS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/17/20
Saugatuck High School (MI)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/17/20
Medfield High School (MA)	“WARRIORS”	School retiring Native “themed” imagery ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/13/20
Taconic High School (MA)	“BRAVES”	School committee voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/12/20
Nyack High School (NY)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/11/20
Thunderbird High School (AZ)	“CHIEFS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/06/20
Hanover High School (MA)	“INDIANS”	School committee voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/05/20
Barnstable High School (MA)	“RED RAIDERS”	School committee voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/05/20
Cincinnati Country Day School (OH)	“INDIANS”	Board of Trustees voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	8/03/20
Winchester High School (MA)	“SACHEMS”	School committee voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/28/20
Norwalk High School (IA)	“WARRIORS”	School retiring Native “themed” imagery ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/27/20
Winton Woods High School (OH)	“WARRIORS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/27/20
Griffiths Middle School (CA)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/20/20
Clinton High School (MI)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/20/20
Grafton High School (MA)	“INDIANS”	School committee voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/14/20
Peru High School (NY)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/14/20
Nez Perce School (ID)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/13/20
Anderson High School (OH)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot ( <a href="#">link</a> )	7/02/20

\* Note: The database features a comprehensive accounting of all public K-12 schools, and also tracks private schools that NCAI has managed to identify through continuous online research and its ongoing education and advocacy on the issue. Only the most recent changes are listed in the table above (Suggested Citation: National Congress of American Indians (2020). National School Mascot Tracking Database: The Current Numbers. Washington DC, August 20, 2020).