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NCAI “Ending ‘Indian’ Mascots” Initiative

NATIONAL SCHOOL MASCOT TRACKING DATABASE: THE CURRENT NUMBERS

Online link: <http://bit.ly/schoolmascotdatabase>

Over the past year, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) developed a comprehensive national tracking database of more than two dozen different 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: March 2, 2021)*

Current overall numbers and numbers of five most common mascots featured below:

OVERALL	
Total Schools	1,908
Total School Districts	1,021

“R*DSK*NS”	
Total Schools	94
Total School Districts	43

“INDIANS”	
Total Schools	793
Total School Districts	349

“BRAVES”	
Total Schools	207
Total School Districts	125

“CHIEFS”	
Total Schools	181
Total School Districts	94

“WARRIORS”	
Total Schools	417
Total School Districts	247

RECENT SCHOOL MASCOT CHANGES – SEPTEMBER 2020-MARCH 2021 *(Last updated: March 2, 2021)*

Total school mascot changes in calendar year 2020: 68 / 16 most recent school mascot changes listed below:

SCHOOL NAME (STATE)	MASCOT	DECISION	DATE
Wichita North HS (KS)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	02/08/21
Shawnee Mission North HS (KS)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	01/25/21
Watertown HS (CT)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	01/25/21
North Brookfield HS (MA)	“INDIANS”	School committee voted to retire mascot (link)	12/21/20
Caledonia-Mumford HS (NY)	“RED RAIDERS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	12/09/20
Farmington HS (CT)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	12/09/20
Fresno HS (CA)	“WARRIORS”	School board voted to retire mascot imagery (link)	12/09/20
Snell MS (NM)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	12/04/20
Watchung Hills Regional HS (NJ)	“WARRIORS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	11/10/20
Union HS (OK)	“R*DSK*NS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	11/09/20
Kahuku HS (HI)	“RED RAIDERS”	State Civil Rights Compliance Branch recommended change (link)	11/06/20
Athol HS (MA)	“RED RAIDERS”	School committee voted to retire mascot (link)	11/05/20
Weyauwega-Fremont HS (WI)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	10/26/20
Marion HS (IA)	“INDIANS”	School board voted to retire mascot (link)	10/12/20
Pentucket Regional HS (MA)	“SACHEMS”	School committee voted to retire mascot (link)	10/06/20
Pocatello HS (ID)	“INDIANS”	Board of Trustees voted to retire mascot (link)	09/15/20

*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 (2021). National School Mascot Tracking Database: The Current Numbers. Washington DC, March 2, 2021).