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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Kathleen N. Straus, President *Kathleen*
Michael P. Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction *MFl*

SUBJECT: Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames, and Logos

In June 2003, the State Board of Education adopted a resolution regarding the Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames, and Logos. Since that time, the Board and Department of Education recognize that some local districts have taken the steps necessary to establish new mascots, nicknames, and logos; however, the Board continues to hear concerns about the number of school districts and buildings that still have American Indian mascots and logos.

At its August 10, 2010, meeting, the State Board of Education thought it was important to reaffirm its 2003 resolution regarding the Use of American Indian Mascots, Nicknames, and Logos for transmittal to all local school districts encouraging the elimination of American Indian mascots, nicknames, and logos, fight songs, insignias, antics, and team descriptors by all Michigan schools.

The resolution is available at the following link:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Mascots_330690_7.pdf

cc: Education Alliance

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