

Copy of an email sent to the Camanche School District on January 4, 2021

Greetings Superintendent Parker:

I understand the topic of the use of the Native American mascot will be discussed at an upcoming Camanche School Board Meeting.

I would offer the position of the only federally-recognized Tribal government in the State of Iowa – the Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa (Meskwaki Nation) – per the attached letter to the Marion Independent School District from our Tribal Chair.

Essentially, the letter speaks for itself and reflects the same view from the Meskwaki Nation on the Camanche Community School District's use of "Indian" as a mascot.

We also noted that the State of Iowa has changed the use of a derogatory Native American term that was used for a river and park to a more acceptable term. Recently, the Washington Football Team dropped the use of "Redskins" and the Cleveland Indians will drop the use of "Indians" as their mascot next season.

The trend is obvious that the continued use of mascots that reflect an entire race of people is unacceptable.

I respectfully request that you consider following the decisions of the State of Iowa, the Marion Independent School District and others, including high-profile professional sports teams, and discontinue the use of Native American mascots and terms at all levels.

Thank you for your consideration.

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