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Re: Sachem BOE response to Board of Regents decision on Native American
Mascots/Names & Imagery

Dear New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner Rosa,

The Board of Education of the Sachem Central School District (the Board), on behalf of its 12,000 students, educators and the community that it serves, expresses deep concerns with the recent decision of the Board of Regents relative to Native American mascots, logos and imagery. While the Board recognizes the need to not present such things in an offensive, derogatory or demeaning manner, it is likewise our contention that any objections should be reasonably grounded. To that end, the Board is frustrated at the apparent "broad brush" one size fits all approach the State appears to be undertaking in mandating these changes. The Board strongly contends that the Sachem District should be viewed separate and apart.

The Sachem Central School District has been advised that no change in District

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name a few will be in the millions of dollars. This cost would be, in essence, due mainly to the presence of an arrowhead.

And I think it is reasonable to ask that the Sachem