



Esko Public Schools  
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Dear Senator Rarick,

During the last legislative session Minnesota Statute 121A.041 American Indian Mascots Prohibited was passed. This statute prohibits school districts from having any names or symbols depicting American Indian culture. The Esko School District has been using the term ESKOMOS as our nickname since the early 1950's. The unique spelling of the word Eskimos is because our name was originally Esko-Mos. This comes out of the combination of the top two supporting businesses in town.

After this legislation was passed the Esko School Board did vote to in June of 2023 to stop using the Eskomos nickname and any symbolism related to this name, which in our case was an image of an igloo. This was done to comply with the new state statute.

The Esko school district had used the term Eskomos and related symbols throughout the district, as most schools do. It is my understanding that by September 1, 2025 all of the images and the term Eskomos should be removed from our facility. This will be a significant undertaking because of all the items that have this term or image.

The Esko School Board would like to request financial support for making these mandatory changes. To complete the task of removing these items by September 1, 2025 will place an unfair financial burden on the district. The School Board has included a list of items and estimated costs to replace them.

The Esko School Board and Administration would like to ask you that our local elected officials would sponsor or support a bill that would reimburse those school districts that were mandated to make these changes.

The School Board appreciates your time on this issue and would be available if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Aaron Fischer  
Superintendent

and

Esko School Board

### Specific Items with Eskomos and related symbols

**Clocks:** The current clocks in every space have the word Eskomos and them with an igloo.

Replacement- The District would purchase a new clock system from American Time with a cost of \$118,955.

**Artificial Turf Field:** Our field has a large igloo in the center of the field and has the word Eskomos in each of the end zones.

Replacement - This number is soft for budgeting purposes, consider it a "not to exceed" figure at this point.  
 $4.50 \times 99,400 = \$447,300.00$ .

**Uniforms:** All of our teams had something related to Eskomos or igloos on them.

Replacement-\$119,260 quote from BSN.

**School Sign:** The sign that welcomes you to Esko School has the word Eskomos on it.

Replacement- \$5,000 estimate

**Tribute Marker:** The school has an igloo shaped monument to those families that have contributed to the school athletic fields.

Replacement-\$9,000

**Tile Flooring:** There is an igloo in the middle of our entryway. The tile that was used isn't available anymore. To remove the igloo would require removing all the tile to make it match.

Replacement - \$25,000 for tile and installation.

**Basketball Court:** There is an igloo in the center of the basketball/volleyball/PE gym floor. The District also has Eskomos painted on the end lines. Because of the age of our floor we are not sure if we can sand the floor down again and repaint the items or if we need to install a new floor. This would dramatically change the costs.

Replacement- (If possible) Sanding and painting existing floor \$25,000. If the floor is unable to be sanded again because of age and thickness, a new floor would be around \$200,000. Painting would be an additional cost.

**Scorer Table for Games:** The current table has our mascot name and igloo on it.

Replacement- \$9,000

**Varsity Boys and Girls Game Chairs:** These chairs have eskomos and an igloo on them. We would need 40 chairs for our games at 189.95 per chair.

Replacement-\$7598

**Gym Wall Mats:** The district has wall mats on each end of our court with logo and Eskomos name.

Replacement: The estimate would be around \$4,028 for both wall mats.

**Total Cost to the Esko School District for this mandated requirement.**

**Option one with sanded gym floor. \$770,141**

**Option two with new gym floor. \$945,141**









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**Esko Field replacement estimate**

1 message

**Mat Steinberg** <msteinberg@sprinturf.com>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 3:35 PM

To: "afischer@esko.k12.mn.us" &lt;afischer@esko.k12.mn.us&gt;

Hi Aaron – thanks for your time on the phone earlier. I looked back on the field was installed in 2013 making this fall the field's 9<sup>th</sup> year. Our list has the field at 99,400 square feet.

For full removal and new turf replacement, matching existing sport markings and details – estimate about \$4.50/sf for cost of project. This would include an upgrade in turf system (IMO), reuse of infill and typical stone base dragging to refurbish the base prior to install. This number is soft for budgeting purposes, consider it a "not to exceed" figure at this point.

4.50 X 99,400 = \$447,300.00

Hope this helps. Keep in touch anytime.

P.S. From the NE to the SW – we just finished RTR- Russell Tyler Ruthon last month. Love the progress of many rural districts. Let's stay in touch.

**Mat Steinberg**

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## Quote

Cart #: 11202455  
Purchase Order #: Wall Pads  
Cart Name: Esko HS (Wall Pads)  
Quote Date: 01/25/2024  
Quote Valid-to: 02/25/2024  
Payment Terms: NT30  
Ship Via:  
Ordered By: Chad Stoskopf

Item Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
<b>Wall Pad Sets</b> Item # - NSPHG	2 EA	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 3,200.00
<b>Custom Printing</b> Item # - NSPHG	2 EA	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00

Subtotal:	\$3,800.00
Other:	\$0.00
Freight:	\$228.00
Sales Tax:	\$0.00
Order Total:	\$4,028.00
Payment/Credit Applied:	\$0.00
<b>Order Total:</b>	<b>\$4,028.00</b>

2# Wood-Backed Polyfoam

Wrapped in 18oz Solid Vinyl

Removable w/Z-Clip

2 Sets - 20# X 6#

2# X 6# pads Cut to Fit Wall Areas

2 - Custom Printing 12' x 6'

\* Materials Only, Install is not included\*



	Cost	Number	Total
Boys CC V/JV	\$ 105	30	\$ 3,150
Boys CC JH	\$ 75	20	\$ 1,500
Girls CC V/JV	\$ 105	30	\$ 3,150
Girls CC JH	\$ 75	20	\$ 1,500
Football 7/8	\$ 179	60	\$ 10,740
Football Varsity/JV/C	\$ 372	70	\$ 26,040
Soccer Varsity/JV	\$ 145	45	\$ 6,525
Volleyball 7/8	\$ 75	25	\$ 1,875
Volleyball Varsity/JV/C	\$ 118	35	\$ 4,130
BBB V/JV	\$ 280	35	\$ 9,800
BBB 7/8/C	\$ 190	30	\$ 5,700
GBB V/JV	\$ 280	35	\$ 9,800
GBB 7/8/C	\$ 190	30	\$ 5,700
Baseball V/JV	\$ 225	30	\$ 6,750
Baseball 8/C	\$ 95	25	\$ 2,375
Softball V/JV	\$ 225	30	\$ 6,750
Softball 7/8	\$ 95	25	\$ 2,375
Boys T&F V/JV	\$ 105	40	\$ 4,200
Boys T&F JH	\$ 75	20	\$ 1,500
Girls T&F V/JV	\$ 105	40	\$ 4,200
Girls T&F JH	\$ 75	20	\$ 1,500
			\$ 119,260.00

\$ 749,515

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