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Subject: Mascot Progress Report (per M.S.121A.041)

This report is submitted per M.S.121A.041 passed during the 2024 Minnesota legislative session. The information required is taken from the statute followed by the school district's response in parentheses.

1. Confirmation that the district has removed the American Indian mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name from the district website.



Complete



Partially complete



Incomplete

2. Confirmation that the board has approved a new mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name.



Complete



Partially complete



Incomplete

The Blackhawk logo has not been an American Indian mascot since the 1990's, and have been using the black (bird) hawk as a logo instead. May use Hawks. The Board has not made a final decision. There is a community committee that will make a recommendation to the Board.

3. A summary of the district's progress on removing the American Indian mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead, or team name from uniforms, equipment, signs, elements of facilities, and other district items.



Complete



Partially complete



Incomplete

New uniform purchases only have Madelia on them. The Hawk (bird) logo is used without the Blackhawks name. New scoreboards do not have a mascot name. Gym floor needs to be updated.

4. A summary of resources necessary to comply with the prohibition and the district's plan to raise and allocate any necessary funds.

Financial resources:



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Funding for new uniforms and all athletic/activity gear and equipment for every activity to replace old logo with new logo



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Funding to replace old logos with new logos in/on facilities throughout the school district, both indoors and outdoors



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Funding for communication with students, staff, families, and communities



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Funding for consultant to assist with developing a new mascot



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Funding for the creation of communication materials that replace the old logo with the new logo (i.e. stationary, banners, flags, etc...)

Plan to raise money:



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Seek support from booster clubs



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~~Seek support from community organizations~~



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Propose a capital levy to the community



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Advocate for more funding at the legislature

This report is completed by (Shelly Bauer, Superintendent, shellybauer@isd837.org).

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