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Hello,

Please see the attached report for progress on removing the mascot at Madelia Public School District 837.

The district will be sending a letter to Lower Sioux Indian Community which is the closest community to our district to ask to keep the current name of Blackhawks because it is not affiliated with the Blackhawk nation, but a hawk (bird) that is black. It has been under this logo since 1992.

The district has replaced all uniforms except volleyball, football, and JV boys basketball uniforms and replaced Blacks with Madelia on them. The last updates will be made after July 1.

Sincerely,

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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

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

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:

- Funding for new uniforms and all athletic/activity gear and equipment for every activity to replace old logo with new logo*
- Funding to replace old logos with new logos in/on facilities throughout the school district, both indoors and outdoors*
- Funding for communication with students, staff, families, and communities*
- Funding for consultant to assist with developing a new mascot*
- 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:

- Seek support from booster clubs*
- Seek support from community organizations*
- Propose a capital levy to the community*
- Advocate for more funding at the legislature*

This report is completed by (insert school district name, name of person completing the report, contact information).

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