

RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On September 24, 1993, the Washington State Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

All school districts are asked to review building names, mascots, logos, activities, events, portrayal of caricatures, and behaviors to ensure that such references and activities are free from bias and derogatory connotations or effects associated with race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, and disability. Behaviors should be reviewed with the objective of assuring respect for cultural differences, values, and attitudes to treat individuals with respect, dignity, and fairness.

Therefore, the Washington State Board of Education requests school districts review and reevaluate their policies and practices in the areas listed above and send a brief report describing the process used, and the results, to the Washington State Board of Education no later than September 30, 1994.

Consistent with the Washington State Board of Education's philosophy relating to local control, schools, and school districts are requested to actively involve their students and communities in the discussions and review. This review process will provide an opportunity for all students, teachers, board members, parents, and the other community members to broaden their knowledge and understanding regarding diversity and differing attitudes and perceptions. It is further requested that a copy of this resolution be read aloud at a meeting of the school directors in every school district in the state of Washington, as well as before the student bodies of each middle school and high school, and that this resolution be made available to parents and members of the community.

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