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WHS Mascot Advisory Committee

The Wells High School Mascot Advisory Committee has received votes from twenty-four (24) of its twenty-six (26) members. The results are as follows:

17 votes: Keep the Warrior nickname and discontinue the use of Native American imagery;

3 votes: Keep the Warrior nickname and the use of Native American imagery;

0 votes: Discontinue the Warrior nickname and discontinue the use of Native American imagery,

or,

4 votes: Keep the Warrior nickname and the red "W" with a feather

On June 6, 2018, at the WOCSD School Committee meeting, members of the Wells High School Mascot Advisory Committee will present the majority recommendation to "*keep the Warrior nickname and discontinue the use of Native American imagery*" to the School Committee for their consideration.

Since December 2017, the Mascot Advisory Committee has held five (5) public meetings and solicited feedback at a public forum on May 8, 2018. All meetings have been open to the public and records of the proceedings have been maintained. The Mascot Advisory Committee invited discussion from all.

The Wells-Ogunquit CSD believes a fair reading of Maine's Open Meeting Law exempts advisory bodies having no decision-making authority from making a record of public proceedings (Title I, Chapter 13, Section 403(6)) permitting the Advisory Committee's voting process. Most importantly, we will move forward with the recommendation earning over 70% of the vote.

We look forward to making the Advisory Committee's recommendation to the WOCSD School Committee on June 6th.