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Dartmouth School Committee  
8 Bush Street  
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RE: Dartmouth Indians Name and Logo Review

Dear Dartmouth School Committee,

At the August 9, 2021 Select Board meeting, the Chair of the Board read into the record the attached letter in response to the Dartmouth School Committee's process for reviewing the Dartmouth Indians name and logo. The Select Board supports the authors' request that members of the Dartmouth School Committee's appointed Equality & Diversity Sub-committee should engage the public and members of the two federally recognized tribes in the Commonwealth: the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, as part of their comprehensive review. Furthermore, the Select Board encourages the School Committee to engage in a more transparent review of the Dartmouth Indians name and logo, by soliciting public feedback from the community in an open forum.

The Select Board welcomes the School Committee to attend a future meeting to facilitate an open discussion on the topic. If the School Committee agrees that this may be beneficial to improving the transparency of the process, please contact the Town Administrator's office to coordinate a date.

Sincerely,

Shawn MacInnes  
Town Administrator

Cc: Select Board  
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Mr. Clyde Andrews  
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**Subject: Public/Tribal Comment Period re: Dartmouth Indians Name and Logo**

Members of the Equality & Diversity Sub-committee:

We, the undersigned, as concerned citizens, object to the manner and process in which the Dartmouth School Committee's appointed Equality & Diversity Sub-committee ("subcommittee") has operated with respect to the agenda item of removing the Dartmouth Indians name and logo from the Dartmouth Public School system. Specifically, to date, the subcommittee has failed to meaningfully and publicly engage the two federally recognized tribes in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The subcommittee has also failed to provide an opportunity for public comment. In addition to the two procedural concerns highlighted above, the subcommittee has also failed to invite public testimony from individuals or entities who are supportive of maintaining the Dartmouth Indians name and logo. Even more troubling, it appears that each guest speaker invited to offer testimony before the subcommittee has been cherry-picked to fit a narrative that supports removal of the Dartmouth Indians name and logo.