

# MEMORANDUM

To: Oregon State Board of Education

From: Keith L. Cubic  
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RE: Proposed revision to OAR 581-021-0047

With this Memo I wish to provide comments on your consideration of the proposed rule amendment. As an introduction I want to state:

- ✓The current prohibition included in the rule needs to be changed
- ✓I support the guidance provided the State Board in 2013 SB 1509
- ✓The ability to maintain an honored community tradition, that is respected and a very positive representation of the community through the use of a Native American name should not be prohibited.

I request and encourage the Native American Mascot Rule be revised to allow exceptions to the prohibition currently in the law. Further, I wish to provide specific comments on the proposed rule amendment. Specifically:

- ✓(4) (d) leaves unanswered the question about status of the school mascot name in the 5 year interim. This will continue the community trauma and should be deleted. If more than one tribe has interest in the associated or significant mascot the school district should not be prohibited from working with another tribe.
- ✓(4) (f) (E) mascot agreement and authorization should not expire! The 5 year periodic review for the tribe and school district is adequate and allow coordination at the local level. (4) (f) (E) should be deleted. Legislation was required to provide guidance on this topic and forcing continued revisiting of a resolved mascot issue is unreasonable.
- ✓(6) (b) creates another inconsistency and needs to be revised with the addition of “unless Section (4) of this rule is implemented”, or something like that, to the end of the sentence.

Thank you for considering my comments and please act favorably on the proposed revisions to OAR 581-021-0047. The students, residents and staff of the Roseburg School District should be granted the ability to continue our close coordination with the Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua Indians and our honored and respected use of the name Roseburg Indians.

CC: Roseburg School Board/Superintendent  
Senator Jeff Kruse  
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians