



THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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Iron County School District
Attn: Iron County School Board
2077 W. Royal Hunter Dr.
Cedar City UT 84720

RE: Cedar High School Mascot Name Change

Dear Iron County School Board,

May this letter provide notification from The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) Tribal Council, in response to the recent communications from Iron County School Board reaching out to understand the true stance of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and the mascot name change reversion to Cedar High Redmen.

Iron County School Board members, regardless of the recent advocacy from private tribal citizens of Iron County, the Cedar High School mascot situation and topic of reversing the name change. Is not an interest of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) Tribal Council, to reengage in consultation for the advocacy of the name change. It has also come to the attention of the Tribal Council that recently there have been advocacy from non-tribal members that do not represent the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, that have been advocating and performing in front of the school board to change the name back. These individuals do not have the authority to speak or advocate for the name change on behalf of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. Any advocacy done by private tribal citizens is an advocacy done on their own behalf and private business.

The PITU Tribal Council wants to address another issue that has come to the attention of tribal leadership. Tribal members notified tribal administrative workers of an individual named as Jeff Corey, visiting the tribal village going door to door asking for "Indians" to sign a petition in support of the name change. At no time did Mr. Corey receive approval from the PITU Tribal Council to visit the village and disrupt tribal members in their homes to give signatures for his petition for the name change. All Iron County School District School Board members shall understand that the tribal village and Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah band land areas are considered private and federal property. Entering these lands without prior permission to lobby is considered trespassing and any person disobeying this recognition of private property will be treated as a trespasser.

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) Tribal Council recognizes our own Tribal Sovereignty and will be treated and respected as such by members of city governmental positions. As we also

respect the government of Iron County elected officials. The term “Redmen” is a term not recognized within Native American communities as paying respect to the history and legacy of this nations first people. But rather a slang term that has been used over 200 years to attribute racial defamation to Native people.

Furthermore, when the topic of the mascot name changes first occurred many tribal community members and their children received verbal abuse, threats and aggressive behavior exhibited towards them in public. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) Tribal Council, hopes that the Iron County School Board, is not interested in being a forceful push to advocate for the discrimination and aggression placed on Native communities for our disinterest of not supporting the name change. And will refrain from the pursuit to revert the name back to “Redmen”.

In ending The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (PITU) Tribal Council, stands firm on not supporting the Cedar High “Redman” name and suggests the School Board advocates for the name to remain the same as Cedar High Reds. Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.

Best Regards,

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council



Corrina Bow (Mar 26, 2024 14:46 MDT)

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Chairwoman Tamara Borchardt-Slayton
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