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--In School Committee--
09/15/2020

Ordered:

Whereas anti-racism is a key priority and value of the Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge School Committee, and the City of Cambridge; and

Whereas the old Rindge Tech 'Warriors' logo was abolished in 1989 for perpetuating derogatory and harmful stereotypes of indigenous peoples; and

Whereas the Rindge Tech Alumni Association (RTAA), while a separate entity from the Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School Alumni Association, produces the alumni directory for the alumni of Rindge Tech, Cambridge High & Latin, and Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS); and

Whereas RTAA continues to prominently feature this discontinued Warriors mascot in its marketing and promotional materials shared with over 20,000 of Cambridge Public High School alumni; and

Whereas the alumni directory also includes an official message from the current Cambridge Public Schools Superintendent, announcing 'support' for and pride 'to be associated with' the publication of this directory; and

Whereas CRLS alumni began a petition with over 780 signatures to stop the continued use of this mascot and strenuously objects to the use of the Rindge Tech logo; therefore be it

Resolved that the Cambridge Public Schools issue a statement condemning organizations that continue to use, produce, or disseminate this logo; and be it further

Resolved that the Cambridge Public Schools issue a statement of apology to all CRLS alumni stating that the juxtaposition of the Rindge Tech Logo and the CRLS Falcon logo was done without the express written consent of the CRLS Alumni Association; and be it further

Resolved that the Cambridge Public Schools cease all forms of collaboration, including sharing of alumni lists and entering into any contracts or agreements with any entities that continue to use, produce, or disseminate this logo.

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Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Mayor Siddiqui
Member Wilson, Member Rachel

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