

WHEREAS, in December 2022, the New York State Board of Regents considered adoption of new regulations prohibiting the use of Indigenous Names, Mascots and Logos by public schools (<https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/1222p12d2.pdf>); and,

WHEREAS, at its May 3, 2023 meeting, the Regents adopted the proposed new regulation; and,

WHEREAS, such regulation mandates all public schools, by board resolution, eliminate use of Indigenous names, logos, and mascots by the end of the 2022-2023 school year (8 NYCRR 123.3); and,

WHEREAS, guidance provided by the New York State Education Department advises school districts that the use of terms, including “Warrior” are inconsistent with the newly adopted regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the District is currently referred to as the Willsboro Warriors; and,

WHEREAS, the Board, Superintendent and District desire to act consistent with the new regulations:

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

1. No later than June 30, 2025, the term/name “Warrior” shall cease to be used in any manner or form as part of the District’s name and/or logo and/or representation related to the District; and,
2. Directs the Superintendent to commence analysis and review of alternative names for the District with such recommendation to be brought to the Board for consideration no later than December 1, 2023 and,
3. Directs the Superintendent to take all actions consistent with the newly adopted state regulations referenced herein and this resolution.