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The Board of Education for the School District of Menomonee Falls would like to engage residents of the community in a collaborative discussion around our current high school mascot to ensure that our students have a mascot that unifies the school.

Educating students in the School District of Menomonee Falls is driven by our four Big Aims:

1. All students successfully transition to college and work prepared for their future.
2. **All students and families feel they belong in our school community.**
3. All students and adults are engaged, learning and improving.
4. All students, families and staff members feel we are a School District of Choice.

Our district enrollment serves just over 4,000 students PreK-12 and we have approximately 1,000 staff members. Ethnic diversity among our student population is close to 25 percent. With the focus on our second Big Aim of **"All students and families feel they belong in our school community,"** we are asking for your feedback to determine if our current mascot serves the purpose of unifying our high school and if it positively or negatively impacts students and families.

We would like this to remain an educational decision led by our superintendent, Corey Golla and his administrative team with community conversations and feedback observed by the school board. We are actively engaging stakeholder groups to get a pulse of the community and will consider a resolution from the superintendent this fall. More than 30 high schools in Wisconsin have changed from their Native American mascot.

Mascot History: The Indian mascot was chosen in 1984 by students when the two high schools, East and North combined into what is the current high school building. Indians was the mascot for North High School, now North Middle School. The mascot for East High School, which opened in 1969, was the Titans.

Share Your Opinion: You are encouraged to attend any of the stakeholder meetings to learn more about why this is an important, local discussion. Residents are invited to share their thoughts with the school board at any of our upcoming school board meetings, which are held the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. Residents may also share their feedback by October 31, by emailing the board at board@sdmfschools.org, or by completing a feedback form available on the school district website, www.fallsschools.org/board. We welcome your participation in this community conversation.

Sincerely,

Faith VanderHorst
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School District of Menomonee Falls