



July 1, 2020

Dear Staff, Students and Parents:

I hope your summer is going well and that you are looking forward to the start of the 20-21 school year. I am writing this letter to share with you a change that will be made this next year at Martin High School. As a district and as a campus, we believe that it is important to reflect the highest values of our society and to also honor and respect all cultures. When the school opened in 1982, Martin High chose the mascot of the Warrior and currently uses two trademarks, one of the “Rockin’ M” and one of a Native American headdress. The importance as an educational institution for modeling cultural awareness and sensitivity is paramount in today’s world. For this reason, the depiction of the Native American headdress will no longer be used at Martin High School. Martin will continue to be Warriors, we will keep our colors - red, black, and silver, and we will continue to use the “Rockin’ M” as the Warrior trademark. We will consider the characteristics representative of the modern day Warrior – persistence, grit, determination, and champions for the team and one another – and allow our students to either choose or offer their own graphic design for a modern-day Warrior mascot.

For any group, club or team who has currently invested in school garb or apparel for this next year involving the Native American headdress, the campus/district will work with you to reimburse and/or replace those goods with the “Rockin’ M” trademark. We will also make the appropriate changes in school décor over the next few weeks to reflect this decision.

We are a campus and a community that promotes the importance and benefits of cultural diversity and we will continue to be Warrior Strong in our support of one another.

Sincerely,

Marlene Roddy  
Principal  
Martin High School