To: The Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma

From: Kiowa School District C-2

Subject: Memorandum of Understanding concerning Kiowa Schools

Date: Mar 27, 2022

Overview:

The Colorado Senate Bill (SB21-116) declares: THE PROHIBITION OF AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOTS IN COLORADO

The Purpose of this memorandum is to Collaborate as partners to the best of our abilities Including but not limited to:

SECTION (III) (A) OF (SB21-116)

THE ABILITY OF ANY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP OR AGREEMENT WITH A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAT FOSTERS GOODWILL, EMPHASIZES EDUCATION AND SUPPORTS A CURRICULUM THAT TEACHES AMERICAN INDIAN HISTORY, AND ENCOURAGES A POSITIVE CULTURAL EXCHANGE. SUCH RELATIONSHIPS AND AGREEMENTS MAY INCLUDE IMPORTANT HISTORICAL FIGURES, NAMES, IMAGERY, TRIBAL NAMES, AND MORE. (B) ANY SUCH AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BETWEEN A PUBLIC SCHOOL AND A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE MAY ALLOW ANY AMERICAN INDIAN MASCOT THAT IS CULTURALLY AFFILIATED WITH THAT FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN TRIBE AS DETERMINED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TRIBE'S GOVERNING BODY.

Agreement:

Responsibilities of The Kiowa School District:

• To provide the students within the district a curriculum that teaches American Indian History.
• We will always take pride in our Indian mascot and reflect the Indians in a positive light.
• We will harbor a positive cultural exchange between the district and The Kiowa Tribe.
Responsibilities of The Kiowa Tribe:

- When possible and at the discretion of The Kiowa Tribe a delegation of tribal elders will travel to the school to meet with students and present a history of the Kiowa Tribe to give the students a better understanding of who we are as a people.
- It is our understanding the school name and mascot is The Kiowa Indians. Your school board received an agreement approving the use of the name in 2005 but the new state law requires an updated agreement approving the continued use of the name so the school can continue to honor the Kiowa Tribe and continue to be called the Kiowa Indians. This agreement shall serve as our approval of the School Boards request to remain The Kiowa Indians.

The undersigned agree to sustain this agreement into the future. The agreement will be reviewed periodically to ensure the spirit and intent of this agreement remains viable to each agency.

Kiowa School District C-2:

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Board of Education Director

The Kiowa Tribe Of Oklahoma:

Matthew Komalty  
Chairman