

POLICY STATEMENT- SCHOOL NICKNAMES

(Adopted by Kentucky Board of Education, 2007)

The Board of Control has no prohibition on specific nicknames or mascots, but has adopted the Kentucky Board of Education resolution stating a formal position as approved February 8, 2007.

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Board of Education believes in the worth and dignity of all peoples,

WHEREAS, schools and school districts should set an example and provide leadership in their communicates in supporting and furthering human rights,

WHEREAS, schools should be places where all students feel welcomed,

WHEREAS, mascots, nicknames and other school symbols should represent the highest ideals of human dignity and help all students feel welcome and included in the life of the school,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education urges all schools to review the appropriateness of their symbols and mascots and recommends that all schools and school districts abandon the use of symbols and mascots that are offensive to any group of people.

REAFFIRMED AT THE KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, in the city of Frankfort, this eighth day of February, in the year Two Thousand and Seven.

Keith Travis, Chair, Kentucky Board of Education

Kevin M. Noland, Interim Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Education (Feb. 8, 2007)