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# Removal of the Skowhegan Area High School Indian Mascot

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To be delivered to **Martha J Harris, Chair, Maine Board of Education** and **Brent Colbry, Superintendent, Skowhegan**

Skowhegan has the last "Indian" high school mascot in Maine.

Schools all over the country are changing these mascots because they promote institutionalized racism and the American Psychological Association has called for their removal because they are proven to be harmful to students of all backgrounds. Indian mascots dehumanize Native Americans and mock our culture and identity. It is not an honor to have your heritage worn as a costume.

Let's do the right thing, Skowhegan!