

Sample Student Comments for Change:

<p>While it may be difficult, I believe that changing the logo would be beneficial for years to come</p>
<p>It makes me happy someone finally said something.. my mom has mentioned almost exactly what was said in the email. I agree that the logo is offensive and should be changed. However, I do agree on the fact that we should remain "Braves."</p>
<p>Instead of being "the Braves" we can be the "Brave" for coming to MEHS a boarding school this way it isn't completely different and insulting native Americans.</p>
<p>Personally, I don't feel strongly that the mascot be changed, but it would be nice if it were.</p>
<p>As four-year senior, I too believe that the logo and mascot were offensive. I think we need to find a different logo and mascot to represent us.</p>
<p>I would be more interested in a mascot like an animal or thing</p>
<p>I think the logo should change to represent the Alaskan Native groups instead of generalizing the Native groups into one.</p>
<p>A different logo would allow the MEHS student population to be better represented.</p>
<p>Racism of officers in the Federal Government at the time of foundation of this school was extremely high. Allowing racism and bigotry to thrive that long is not only an act of slander towards native people, but also a form of ignorance to allow this sort of behavior.</p>
<p>I think a new logo shouldn't only pertain to natives alone since not everyone here is native however the current logo I feel appropriates native culture which isn't okay</p>
<p>It is a big transition but also might make families happy.</p>

Sample Student Comments about IF we Change:

<p>My question is what would we change it to? What would represent all of us? Because we obviously can't fit ALL our cultures in to one logo?!</p>
<p>I think using the E as our new logo would be awesome</p>
<p>If a new logo will be made, then what will it be? I think that alumni of MEHS should have a say in this change also, because of they're part of our school.</p>
<p>If we do decide to change the logo/mascot, it should be meaningful. This school has a rich history and many students/alumni feel pride in being a brave. Being a brave means so many things so a new logo/mascot should accommodate for that, because being a brave isn't just one thing.....</p>
<p>(Staff Comment) I think the mascot should be wearing a blend of our different cultures's regalia. I know there will always be a degree of appropriation in this idea as we are no a homogeneous group. But I think it would give all of our students something that they can individually identify with.</p>

Sample Student Comments Against Change

I believe that we all have OUR mascot on all of our apparel and the stuff we bought. I do not think that we should change our mascot. The mascot and logo is apart of our culture and past alumni dating all the way back to 1947.

I feel that we should keep the logo and mascot the same. I feel that some people personally don't feel offended by the logo or mascot.

I don't think that the logo misrepresents anything, and that it's good the way it is and how it's always been. "Once a brave, always a brave."

I think the logo and mascot should stay the same unless Mr. Gil Truitt has a say in this and wants to change it.

I think we should continue being the Braves because that's how we've always been known and isn't in itself offensive

I think that we should keep the name Braves and the logo. Not only would it be expensive to change all of the logos across the school but it would hurt the pride of alumni making them feel unwanted for using the current logo. The current logo perfectly represents us as being natives. Just because it is not 'alaskan' native shows close mindedness of not being open to other cultures. I feel like the only thing that needs to be changed is our mascot. The costume needs to have a better mask and the body outfit is not very stylish as being just a plain brown

The logo is about an idea above race, and above petty differences. It is about being a brave and having pride in were you come from. Recently we did a senior project about what it means to be a brave and the responses were different for every person. The mascot is important because it is showing everyone that they don't have to be ashamed. An native american people used to be treated like dogs. Here at Edgecumbe it has become a symbol of pride. We are the Edgecumbe braves and we are the best!

Honestly in my view, there is absolutely nothing wrong with the logo and mascot this school holds dear to. The logo has been a long tradition when the school first opened some seventy-two years ago. Yes this was a logo from a national football team, and it can be derogatory. But the mere fact that this has just come into consideration, after a few generations of families have come here; would be a, not quite disrespectful change, but to being about to families and alums that there is an issue with our logo and mascot.

Sample Staff Comments

We can still be Brave with a logo that respectfully represents our Alaska Culture

Logo's can be the heart and soul of a school, I believe we should create a new soul that let's go of the past to reinvent our future.

This is a long time coming. I have wanted to do this for years and have been waiting for a student or alumni to spearhead the project. I am in full support of changing our logo and mascot. I will be a Brave for life but want something that better represents our school and our students.