

## **Motion to retire the Tomahawk, for the April 28, 2021 Regional School Committee meeting**

Move to:

Vote to accept recommendation from Superintendent Martineau and the Mascot Study Group to retire the Tomahawk as mascot for Algonquin Regional High School, and

That the Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee through the Superintendent, High School Principal, and Athletic Director prohibit when possible or otherwise discourage the production of any new gear, merchandise, or apparel bearing the name or depiction of the Tomahawk by any organization, affiliate organization or group associated with Algonquin Regional High School; and,

That the Algonquin Regional High School leave unaltered the championship banners hanging in the high school gym, trophies and plaques in the Athletic Hall of Fame, or otherwise determine an appropriate way to acknowledge the rich history that these and other similar items represent; and,

That a Renaming Study Group be formed, consisting of a similar mix of students, faculty, school committee and community members as the Mascot Study Group, to recommend several names for Algonquin Regional High School's new mascot; and,

That the Renaming Study Group make its recommendation of several names to the Superintendent and the Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee, who will then charge the current students of Algonquin Regional High School to vote to determine their preferred recommendation; and,

That large scale infrastructure that bear references or images of the Tomahawk, such as scoreboards and the floor of the basketball court, as well as uniforms and other gear bearing Tomahawk references, be replaced in accordance with their normal replacement and repair schedule unless the Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee determines they can be replaced or resurfaced more quickly in a fiscally sound manner and/or donations or grants can be leveraged for the change; and,

That the Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee acknowledges that this initiative is a first step in a wider, ongoing process of educating students on the history of the Algonquin people; and finally,

That the Northborough-Southborough Regional School Committee encourages the towns of Northborough and Southborough to come together around its new mascot.