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Dear Mr. Honeywell:

Pursuant to the Stay Order dated August 23, 2021, I directed the Cambridge Central School District (District) to adhere to the June 17, 2021 resolution "CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME AND IMAGERY" (resolution) during the pendency of this appeal, which committed the District to removing its current name and logo by July 1, 2021. This resolution, among other things, directs the superintendent to create a plan to "...reasonably replac[e] any items that have the mascot and imagery on them as they reach the end of their effective use along with any such imagery on District property all consistent with the intent to require the nickname and imagery as soon as reasonably possible without incurring excessive costs at any one time." In response to an inquiry from petitioners, the Office of Counsel later clarified that since the intended goal of July 1, 2021 had already passed, the District should eliminate the use of the name and imagery as expeditiously as possible.

It has come to my attention that the District continues to display the mascot, for example, on official correspondence and on social media postings. Therefore, the District is hereby directed to submit an affidavit or affirmation to the Office of Counsel detailing its efforts to implement the stay order by **September 22, 2021**. I remind the District that the Commissioner has statutory authority to prescribe the conditions upon which a stay order shall or shall not operate (Education Law § 311 [2]) and the violation of a stay order may give rise to removal of school officers or the withholding of funds (Education Law § 306).

Sincerely,



Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner of Education