

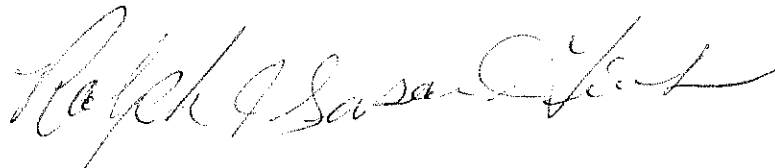
April 1, 2013

Dear Madam Chair and distinguished committee members,

We are a family with graduates of the classes of 1971 and 2000 from Molalla High School, in Molalla, Oregon. We would strongly urge allowing individual schools to work with Native American Councils to create a partnership in dealing with the mascot issue. This partnership would create a positive experience by allowing the Native American history to be proudly and accurately displayed.

The authority to develop this partnership belongs in the hands of the Native American Councils instead of the State Board of Education.

Sincerely, Ralph and Susan Gierke

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph & Susan Gierke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.