

THORNTON FRACTIONAL TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 215 RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE TF SOUTH NICKNAME "REBELS"

WHEREAS, Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 is committed to an overall culture of equity with the guiding principle of learning environments that are welcoming, positive and inclusive, where all students and stakeholders feel a sense of belonging and purpose in school;

WHEREAS, Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 acknowledges that the Thornton Fractional South High School nickname "Rebels" originated from a reference to the Confederacy and was coupled with the Confederate flag and a Confederate soldier as mascot of the school;

WHEREAS, Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 acknowledges that imagery associated with the Confederacy has racist connotations;

WHEREAS, Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 is committed to ensuring its schools provide safe and welcoming spaces where all students are able to focus on their education, secure in the knowledge that their safety and emotional well-being will be supported, regardless of race or ethnicity;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Thornton Fractional Township High School District 215 dissolves the Thornton Fractional South High School nickname "Rebels".

Member Revis moved the adoption of the Resolution and Member Stepp seconded it.

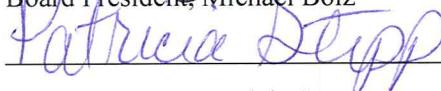
ADOPTED this 25th day of August, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Bolz, Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

  
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Board President, Michael Bolz

  
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Board Secretary, Patricia Stepp