



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT AND MOHEGAN FUND PUBLIC ACT 21-2, JSS SEC. 63 FISCAL YEAR 2023 CERTIFICATION

[PA 21-2 JSS Sec. 63](#) “...for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, no municipality shall be paid a grant from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established pursuant to section 3-55i, if a school under the jurisdiction of the board of education for such municipality, or an intramural or interscholastic athletic team associated with such school, uses any name, symbol or image that depicts, refers to or is associated with a state or federally recognized Native American tribe or a Native American individual, custom or tradition, as a mascot, nickname, logo or team name.”

Complete one certification form for each school.

Municipality: _____

Name of School: _____

Regional School District# (if applicable): _____

Name of associated teams: _____

Mascot: _____

Nickname: _____

Logo description: _____

Symbol/Image (attach copy)

Certification – Check One:

The municipality has chosen to retain its name, symbol or image that depicts, refers to or is associated with a state or federally recognized Native American tribe or a Native American individual, custom or tradition, as a mascot, nickname, logo or team name.

Legislative Body: _____

Date action taken: _____

The school or associated intramural or interscholastic athletic team does not use any of the following in its mascot, nickname, logo, or team name: a name, symbol, or image that depicts, refers to, or is associated with a Native American individual, custom, tradition, or state or federally recognized tribe.

The school or associated intramural or interscholastic athletic team uses a name, symbol, or image that: (**attach consent letter from tribe**)

- depicts or refers to a state or federally recognized tribe, and the specific tribe consents to it; or
- is associated with a Native American individual, custom, or tradition, with the consent of a tribe that is either (a) historically associated with the school or team or (b) located in or associated with the school's geographic region.

Request for additional grace period requirements (**attach letter**)

- A covered school or team uses an otherwise disqualifying name, symbol or image that they intend to change or seek tribal consent to use
- Letter must include the reason why the school or team has not changed it or sought such consent already

I attest that the municipality has complied with all the statements above. I attest that the information provided on this certification is true, accurate, and complete.

Municipal Certification:

Chief Executive Officer Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/2022

Education Certification:

Superintendent Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/2022

**RETURN FORM AND ANY REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS BY
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 TO**
Office of Policy and Management
Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division
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Senate Bill No. 1202
June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-2

**AN ACT CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO REVENUE AND
OTHER ITEMS TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE
BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.**

Sec. 63. Section 3-55j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2021):

(l) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) to (k), inclusive, of this section, and section 3-55i, except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, no municipality shall be paid a grant from the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund established pursuant to section 3-55i, if a school under the jurisdiction of the board of education for such municipality, or an intramural or interscholastic athletic team associated with such school, uses any name, symbol or image that depicts, refers to or is associated with a state or federally recognized Native American tribe or a Native American individual, custom or tradition, as a mascot, nickname, logo or team name.

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply (A) to a municipality in which a school under the jurisdiction of the board of education for such municipality or an intramural or interscholastic athletic team associated with such school uses a name, symbol or image (i) depicting or referring to a state or federally recognized Native American tribe with the written consent of such tribe, or (ii) associated with a Native American individual, custom or tradition with the written consent of a state or federally recognized Native American tribe (I) located in or associated with the geographic region in which such school is located, or (II) historically associated with such school or intramural or interscholastic athletic team, and (B) until the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, to a municipality that timely notifies the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in a form and manner prescribed by the secretary, (i) that a school under the jurisdiction of the board of education for such municipality or an intramural or interscholastic athletic team associated with such school uses a name, symbol or image that would disqualify such municipality from receiving a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, (ii) that such school or team intends to change such name, symbol or image or obtain written consent, and (iii) of the reason that such school or team has not yet changed such name, symbol or image or obtained written consent. For the purposes of this subdivision, written consent shall be demonstrated in a form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and shall include, but not be limited to, a tribal council resolution, agreement between a tribal government and municipality or statement of consent endorsed by a tribal government.