

# S.F. schools boss orders Lowell High mascot change

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**Dec. 14:** Overruling the [Lowell High School](#) student body, San Francisco's school superintendent has ordered the school to change its 60-year-old mascot, the Indian, to a less offensive one. During a packed school board meeting, Superintendent [Ramon Cortines](#) said he wants the mascot changed by the next school year despite a recent vote in which 86 percent of Lowell students voted to keep the Indian image on book covers, T-shirts and athletic uniforms. The issue was raised by Lowell freshman [Allen Yee](#), who publicly objected to the Indian mascot during the School's Spirit Week in September. Yee, 14, said the image of an Indian warrior was a degrading stereotype. He said he has been harassed by teachers and students, has been threatened and accused of being a "puppet." Yee said he was pleased with the superintendent's decision.