



# THE PAIUTE INDIAN TRIBE OF UTAH

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**RE: CEDAR HIGH MASCOT**

February 11, 2019

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah did not approach the Iron County School District regarding changing the name of the Cedar High School Mascot. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah was represented on the Mascot Committee with two representatives, identified as the Tribal Chairperson and the Tribal Education Director.

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is continuing to remain neutral with the discussion and decisions made regarding the Cedar High Mascot. We will continue to support the Iron County School Board and their decision to change the Mascot of Cedar High School.

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah has NO ASSOCIATION with Native American Guardians Association (NAGA), and they do not speak for, or on behalf of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. We do not view this group as a credible group to advocate on behalf of our tribe and actively encourage the public to disregard any statements made by NAGA regarding the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah.

What the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah would like to focus on is the relationship within our communities and the Iron County School District. We will continue to advocate for education in public school to teach proper Native American curriculum.

With many inquiries on the letter sent on behalf of the tribe to the Iron County School District, the presentation of the letter by School Board Member Dale Brinkerhoff. The letter in its full content is attached.

Sincerely,

Tamra Borchardt-Slayton  
Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah  
Tribal Chairwoman

*The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is a federally recognized tribe, was created on April 3, 1980 by an act of Congress (25 U.S.C. § 761), which resulted in the Restoration Act (public law 96-227). The Tribe consists of five constituent bands: Cedar, Indian Peaks, Kanosh, Koosharem, and Shivwits that have been here for all time and immemorial.*