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**HISD to announce replacement mascots for four schools***Outdated symbols are being retired after board vote*

Within months of the Board of Education’s vote to prohibit the use of any race or ethnic group as a mascot or nickname, new mascot names for four HISD schools will be unveiled **Tuesday, April 15**. Mascots for **Lamar** (formerly Redskins)and **Westbury** (formerly Rebels) **high schools** and **Hamilton** (formerly Indians) and **Welch** (formerly Warriors) **middle schools** will replace the schools’ existing mascots this fall.

HISD Superintendent Terry Grier will join principals from each of the affected schools for the announcement.

Each campus was allowed to create its own process to select a new mascot name. All of the processes included student, community and alumni input, with several using voting as a way to choose the new name. Similar processes will continue as schools decide on actual symbols that will represent their athletic programs and create methods to respectfully retire their old mascots.

HISD administration will continue working closely with schools as they replace the old mascots and assist with ordering new uniforms, and removing vestiges of the old symbols from gyms, hallways, marquees, and signs.

**Who:** Houston Independent School District Superintendent Terry Grier; Lamar and Westbury high schools, Hamilton and Welch middle school principals

**What:** Announcement of new mascots for each school

**When: 10:30 a.m.** Tuesday, April 15

**Where:** Hamilton Middle School; 139 E 20th St, 77008  
Enter on 20th Street, limited parking spots have been reserved for this event. **Confirmation of attendance is requested.**

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