

Mascot Issue Marches On

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(AP) Parents of students in a southeastern Wisconsin school district have asked the state Supreme Court to decide whether the state schools superintendent can legally order schools to drop American Indian mascots.

James R. Schoolcraft and Craig Vertz sued after the state Department of Public Instruction ordered the Mukwonago Area School District to drop its Indians nickname and logo. A circuit court judge blocked the DPI's order but the 2nd District Court of Appeals upheld it last month, ruling Schoolcraft and Vertz had no legal standing to sue.

The men's attorney, Samuel Hall, asked the Supreme Court on Friday to take the case. He argues state statutes that allow DPI to order schools to drop tribal nicknames are unconstitutional.