



**Polaris K-12 School
Resolution #22
Change Polaris K-12 Mascot
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Be it resolved by Operational Group, the mascot of Polaris K-12 changes;

1. **Whereas**, Wolves are a very common mascot for schools within and outside of our district, and we promote being a unique school;¹
2. **Whereas**, Wolves were chosen as the mascot for Polaris K-12 in 1995 and no longer reflect the school's personality;
3. **Whereas**, During the 2009/2010 school year, Polaris K-12 students wrote a resolution to make the malamute the Alaskan State Dog, this should be a recognized achievement and possibly the new mascot;
4. **Whereas**, wolves eat moose, an important Alaskan animal and are therefore not a good mascot because it promotes violence;
5. **Whereas**, wolves are predatory creatures, we value being a welcoming and open community; and
6. **Whereas**, wolves represent power and dominance over other communities, that is not what school is about, it's about self growth, respect, and shared leadership.

Therefore, be it resolved by Operational Group, the Polaris K-12 mascot changes.

Action Statement: If voted for people can think up ideas for a mascot then they will be presented to advisories and voted on. These will then be presented to the Polaris K-12 OP Group and Advisory Board.

Sources:

¹Anchorage School District. "Anchorage School District / Anchorage School District Homepage." *Http*, www.asdk12.org/. Accessed 16 Nov. 2023.