

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022

(Representatives Davis, Dakane, Dobervich, Fegley, Finley-DeVill, Henderson, Holle, Nelson,
Schreiber-Beck)
(Senators Mathern, Weston)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying and clarifying the roles of the State Board of Public School Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the boards of public school districts, and the North Dakota High School Activities Association, as they relate to proper spectator conduct, including the clarification of expectations and consequences for violating those expectations, and the promotion of good sportsmanship and good citizenship, including embracing diversity.

WHEREAS, unsportsmanlike conduct at high school activities includes racial discrimination and harassment directed at players by spectators, including behavior among rival spectator groups which can escalate into disruptions and violence in the stands; and

WHEREAS, countless instances of racial harassment and race-based name calling during high school sporting events have occurred, and continue to occur, whether subtle or flagrant; and

WHEREAS, recently, student spectators from a North Dakota high school verbally taunted and physically mocked student athletes from a tribal high school located in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023, student spectators from a North Dakota high school taunted a student athlete of color from another North Dakota high school by imitating monkey sounds and directing racial slurs at the player during a basketball game; and

WHEREAS, public outcry and media coverage is prevalent, yet consequences for harassment are unclear; and

WHEREAS, all student athletes deserve protection from discriminatory and racist behaviors; and

WHEREAS, student spectators engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct, including racist conduct, and the schools those students represent deserve to be held accountable for inappropriate behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Legislative Management consider studying and clarifying the roles of the State Board of Public School Education, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the boards of public school districts, and the North Dakota High School Activities Association, as they relate to proper spectator conduct, including the clarification of expectations and consequences for violating those expectations, and the promotion of good sportsmanship and good citizenship, including embracing diversity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management may receive input from a task force which may include:

1. One member of the State Board of Public School Education;
2. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or the Superintendent's designee;
3. Three members of the boards of public school districts appointed by the North Dakota School Boards Association;
4. The President of the North Dakota High School Activities Association or the President's designee;

5. One representative from each of the four tribes that have schools located in North Dakota, appointed by each Tribal Chair; and
6. One parent appointed by the Indian Education Director of Bismarck Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2023,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State