



## **WASHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NAMING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:30 P.M.  
WCSD Administration Building  
425 East 9th Street, Board Room,  
Reno, Nevada 89512

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. OPENING ITEMS**

- 1.01 Call to Order – 5:30 P.M., WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9th Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada 89512
- 1.02 Roll Call
- 1.03 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

#### **2. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, PRESENTATION AND/OR ACTION** (Public comment: any individual may address the public body concerning any item listed below. A completed "Citizen's Right to Speak" card must be submitted to the public body at the meeting. During the discussion of each item on the agenda, the Chair will invite the individual to come forward to speak. Individuals are limited to three minutes per item.)

- 2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda – Items on this agenda may be taken out of order; The Public Body may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and The Public Body may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. (For Possible Action)
- 2.02 Discussion and Possible Approval of the Minutes from the November 6, 2019 School Naming Committee Meeting (For Possible Action)
- 2.03 Discussion and Presentation of the results of the November 12, 2019 and December 10, 2019 Board of Trustees meetings regarding Procter Hug High School and the new CTE Academy. (For Discussion Only)
- 2.04 Discussion and Possible Action to recommend to the Board of Trustees consideration of the following naming options related to the Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology (located at 380 Edison Way): Keep the school's current name with no changes; rename the school the Debbie Smith Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology; or rename the school the Dolores Feemster Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology (For Possible Action)

- 2.05 Discussion and Possible Action to recommend to the Board of Trustees consideration of the following naming options for the new Career and Technology Education (CTE) Academy to be built at the current Procter Hug High School location: Debbie Smith CTE Academy or Dolores Feemster CTE Academy (For Possible Action)
- 2.06 Discussion and Possible Action to create a list of names that will be considered by the School Naming Committee as automatic semi-finalists for future schools from the unused finalists for previous schools: Arrowcreek, Ann Carlson, Debbie Smith, Sessions Wheeler, Michael Landsberry, Sun Valley, Dolores Feemster (For Possible Action)
- 2.07 Discussion and Possible Action on Community Name Submissions For the new elementary school in the Cold Springs Area (see Attachment A to this Agenda for a list of those names), the committee members' individual ranking of those submissions, and the creation of a semi-finalist list of not more than 10 names based on the individual rankings of the committee members to be considered at a future meeting for recommendation to the Board of Trustees (For Possible Action)

### **3. CLOSING ITEMS**

- 3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – March 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
- 3.02 Public Comment - Comments from the public are invited at this time on topics not specifically addressed elsewhere in the agenda. A "Citizen's Request to Speak" card should be filled out and submitted to the Recording Secretary before speaking during the Public Comment section. All persons are limited to 3 minutes per item. In accordance with Open Meeting Law and on the advice of legal counsel, the public body is discouraged from discussing and precluded from deliberating and/or acting on items raised by Public Comment which are not already on the agenda. The public body may impose reasonable content-neutral restrictions on public comment such as willfully disruptive comments that are irrelevant, repetitious, slanderous, offensive, inflammatory, irrational, or amounting to personal attacks or interfering with the rights of other speakers. Correspondence or written materials submitted for public comment by the general public shall be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
- 3.03 Adjourn Meeting

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**Attachment A - Name Nominations for Cold Springs Area Elementary School**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role in Education</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Public Service</b>	<b>Historical Significance</b>	<b>Geographic Significance</b>	<b>Contribution</b>
Albert Einstien						
Battle Born						
Black Platinum						
Boarder Springs						
Bob Lissner / Robert Lissner						
Cold Springs						
Cold Springs Cougars						
Cold Springs Coyotes						
Cold Springs Tigers						
Cold Springs Freeze						
Cold Springs Grammar						
Cold Springs Valley						
Coral Springs						
Coyote						
Coyote Fields						
Coyote Ridge						
Crystal Peak						
Daniel Boone Halcomb III						
Dolores Feemster / Feemster						
Donald Trump						
Dry Lake						
Freedom Hill						
George Hardaway						
Granite Hills						
Heinz Ranch						
Hillside						
Jim Pfrommer						
Joe Crowley						
Joe Meabe						
Leanne Mathis						
Lincoln						
Lomas Altas						
M Sharon Tueller						
Martha Wood						
Michael Inskeep / Mike Inskeep / Inskeep						
Michael Landsberry / Landsberry						
Michelle Collins						
North Springs						
Peavine						
Petersen						
Phil McKraken						
Red Rock						
Richard Fitzenwell						
Roberta Duvall						
Sadie Hurst						
Sagebrush						
Sierra Nevada						
Sierra View						
Silver Peak						
Summerhill						
Thomas Brown						
Trevino						
White Lake						
Wild Coyote						
Woodland						
Woodland Village						

Would you like to see AACT renamed?	Please select below if you agree that AACT should be renamed after Dolores Feemster, Debbie Smith, or neither. You may select more than one answer.	Do you have any additional comments, feedback, or suggestions about the possibility of renaming AACT?	What is your relationship to AACT?
No	Neither;	Aact was a name that was made by the students and fully embraced	alumni ;
No	Neither	Nope	alumni
No	Neither;	Don t do it. AACT is a fine name leave it.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename a school. It has a name already.	alumni ;
No	Neither	Don t do it. It really truly ruins it.	alumni
No	Neither;	No. Just... No.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	No	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Renaming the school will cause confusion as it is already difficult for people to remember our school. Renaming it is a BAD IDEA!	alumni ;
Yes	Neither;	No, but you could do better than the two options	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Definitely should remain the way it is. It s what we all know it as and have come to love. Changing it, especially this late into its "legacy" will change everything.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	AACT is long enough, why add a name to something that is already hard to explain?	alumni ;
No	Neither;	You narcissistic ██████ don't touch my ██████ school.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	RENAMING IS A BAD IDEA. ITS A WASTE OF TIME! IT IS POINTLESS	alumni ;
No	Neither;	AACT will always be AACT, don t try to change what it already is and what it s been. As an alumni, I feel it s quite ridiculous it s even being considered to be renamed. It s unnecessary and AACT is already long enough of a school name. Thank you and worry about other things in WCSD rather than trying to change something that is already great.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Leave name the same	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Please do not rename the school. The name has meaning and is already long enough.	alumni ;
No	Neither;	No	alumni ;
No	Neither;	N/A	alumni ;
No	Neither;	Debbie Smith wasn t a saint. The only reason people are afraid to talk about who she really was is because of the stigma around talking about those who are dead. She championed some laws alright; some of the laws she advocated and passed while in office were some of the most harmful teacher laws created. She had no experience in the classroom and yet passed laws as if she was a teacher trying to help teachers, except her laws hurt teachers. I continue to support the WCSD and AACT to this day, but I can comfortably say that I do not care to support a school with Feemster s name, and I wouldn t be caught dead supporting a school with Smith s name on it. I wouldn t walk in the building again. I wouldn t write checks again. I don t know why the WCSD is trying to tack on a name to a school that already has a name. Leave it be.	alumni ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Don't do it	alumni ;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	no	alumni ;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I think the name Academy for Arts Careers and Technology allows for the school to bear its prominence as a great vocational school here within the Washoe county right at the forefront. Renaming the school may take away from what AACT is all about. What's in a name? Importance to what the school prides itself on, that's what. Thank you for allowing the community to weigh in on this.	alumni ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	It should go back to it original name if your going to change the name. Regional Technical Institute. My wife and I both went to RTI and currently have a Freshman at AACT. We are both active booster members.	alumni ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	AACT should keep the name. Feemster should be the old Hug campus. Smith deserves a new school named after her.	community member
No	Neither;	Definitely leave it the same.	community member ;
No	Neither;	leave it alone	community member ;
No	Neither;	It makes me mad that the district is using time to discuss renaming an already established school. If you want to use these names, use them on a future school.	community member ;
No	Neither;	I think this is an unnecessary waste of time.	community member ;
No	Neither;	No	community member ;
No	Neither;	Renaming AACT will confuse the public and would not be appropriate for a school that has already been established in the area for the past 10 years. AACT being a CTE school should not be subject to the same naming process that the school district goes through when naming a non-CTE school. AACT is a school in a different class of education and therefore should differentiate it self from general public schools.	community member ;
No	Neither;	It s dumb	community member ;

No	Neither;	The students that have been here and are currently here made the school what it was and have earned the right to keep the name. It isn't fair to those who go here and those who have in the past	community member ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;Dolores Feemster ;	Use both names	community member ;
No	Neither;	no	community member ;
No	Neither;	Don't	community member ;
No	Neither;	I like the current name	community member ;
No	Neither	don't rename	community member
No	Neither;	Don't change the name.	community member ;
No	Neither;	The name AACT is perfect the way it is	community member ;
No	Neither	No	community member
No	Neither;	AACT is long enough.	community member ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	No	community member ;
No	Neither	There is no reason to rename it	community member
No	Neither;	AACT's name is so highly identified in a positive way, I don't think a name change is necessary or worth it.	community member ;
No	Neither;	Drop the acronym	community member ;
No	Neither;	No	community member ;
No	Neither;	The name defines AACT and the students love it.	community member ;
No	Neither;	Why?	community member ;
No	Neither;	Keep same	community member ;
No	Neither;	Person names should not be on CTE schools. AACT has been working for over a decade to become a known WCSD school. Changing the name is confusing and they would have to restart the process.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The school is already known for being an exceptional school and people would not recognize it with a different name. On another note it is dumb and expensive to change the branding of the school after it has strong roots established.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	You don't just add an additional name to an existing school. You are literally changing the identity, and thus, the culture of the school instantly. Literally, watching every banner and sign being taken down and replaced. Also, all of the school swag which we all represent with pride instantly becomes obsolete. This is an identity and culture which has been fostered for a decade with thousands of students. Also, the name would be a "tack-on" which is neither effective, nor worthy of the two amazing women put forth. School stake holders (past, current, and maybe even future) will continue to call it AACT. It's kind of like the formal name change the university undertook when it went from being UNR and began being referred to as Nevada. These amazing women deserve better, and so too do our kids at AACT.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	Name is already too long to begin with but is at least, after years of exposure, somewhat recognizable	current staff member;
No	Neither;	Changing the name is disrespectful to the individuals who worked hard to establish this school and this name.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	AACT has been renamed too many times in its lifetime	current staff member;
No	Neither;	No	current staff member;
No	Neither;	Leave it as is	current staff member;
No	Neither;	Please do not re name AACT	current staff member;
Yes	Neither;	Academy of Careers and Technology (ACT)	current staff member;
No	Neither;	AACT is already a long handle and the current name makes it really clear to the community what we are and do here. Maybe we can have a dedicated plaque on the building to these people, but renaming it is a waste of time and money. This is really the last thing we should be thinking about. Also, think about how long that name would be on letterhead, and logo; it would not even fit. People, if it isn't broken don't fix it. Don't people at the admin level know that there are some serious crisis in the district that need to be dealt with like student depression and funding for classrooms and so the renaming of buildings is a seriously ridiculous priority. It just shows how out of touch main admin is to the real needs in this district that you would even spend time thinking about this. How about spending time thinking about how you can train your staff at admin to be nice to people and treat everyone with true compassion, kindness, and respect? Or think about how to come up with funding to update all technology in the district every five years like other school districts in other states do. Or allowing teachers to use go fund me to get equipment and books etc. for classrooms like other states do. How about eliminating some district high level administrators to get money for more support staff for special ed teachers who are completely overwhelmed by paperwork or funding support staff for technology? There are too many chiefs in this district and not	current staff member;

No	Neither;	AACT is a staple name in the community. Many of the community partners and industry know about AACT, and regard the name in a very positive light due to the hard work and outreach work done by the students and faculty. Renaming the school would negate a lot of the work and require the work to start over once again. Please do not rename AACT.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	No thanks.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	I think it should stay the same. We already have gear, logos, etc. There's no reason to change the name. It would just be an unnecessary expense.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The people are not part of the school therefore they should not be included in the name	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The name is already long enough	current staff member;
No	Neither;	I think the current name is a great representation of the school.	current staff member;
No	Debbie Smith;	Rather no name change--there are better ways to honor the two ladies. But, given the choice I'd vote for Debbie Smith (my representative/senator). Also, if the change is made, it should be ceremonial, not in the common name, i.e.--people should still call it "AACT".	current staff member;
No	Neither;	I am one of the teachers who opened AACT. It has taken 10 years of hard work for us to fully establish ourselves as a known public school in Washoe County School District, and it would not benefit the school to change its name. For the past 10 years, my colleagues and I have worked diligently to inform the public just how unique our school is as the only (and soon to be first) fully comprehensive CTE school in our county. If anything, Career Technical should remain in its name as this is exactly what it is; WCSD's first original fully comprehensive full-time CTE school whose staff and alumni have worked tirelessly to make its name in the district with 100% graduation (and many other accolades) Due to AACT being in WCSD a decade, it seems counter productive to give it a new name. AACT is not a zoned school. Our enrollment depends on the public being informed and familiar with the name of our school. Changing the name could mix this up and reverse the hard work we all have put in to making this school a successful, safe place with a reputation for its 7 successful CTE academies. The name of the school needs to remain the same as it represents the future of CTE and its unique setting. Please consider this, or please come visit and see for yourselves. Our students have pride in their school and its name. Our alumni are proud of where they graduated. And the staff is especially proud of what we have built and will continue to build as AACT.	current staff member;
No	Neither	I do not like the acronym DFAACT	current staff member
No	Neither;	Kind of silly to be putting this out there. What about other schools? Why was AACT picked out of all of the other schools? Debbie Smith did a lot for education and I can see her name being used when the situation/building/school is right for it.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The school name is already long enough.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	This will confuse the community and we will lose applicants	current staff member;
No	Neither;	N/A	current staff member;
No	Neither;	It seems like renaming AACT would incur unnecessary expenses since gear and the building logo and such would need to be redone. Why change something that isn't broken?	current staff member;
No	Neither;	I think AACT should remain the same! I think it is a bummer that we are even spending our time doing something like this..... it has taken AACT a long time to get established and this would undo all of it!	current staff member;
No	Neither	No.	current staff member
No	Neither;	Keep the name	current staff member;
No	Neither;	No	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The name is already a mouthful.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	The name AACT, (Academy of Arts, Careers, & Technology,) is very clear and concise and tells the community exactly what we are and why we are different from traditional large high schools. The smart thing is to stick to the strong branding that we have already established through our very hard work and very focused efforts. When you have a strong brand with an excellent reputation it is folly to change it. Apple wouldn't change their name for that very reason. A business changes its name to establish a new mindset or different product or give the public the idea that the business is not associated anymore with their past mistakes.	current staff member;
No	Neither;	Keep it the same	current staff member;
No	Neither;	why is the district spending so much time on this? leave it alone, there are no issues with the current name!	current staff member;community member ;

No	Neither;	I feel that AACT has finally gotten itself established and people finally know what the school is. I feel that by renaming AACT you are taking away all the credibility that it has finally gained.	current staff member;community member ;
No	Neither;	Please leave name the same	current staff member;family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Please do not rename the school	current staff member;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Do not change name	current staff member;family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	This is a bad idea. It was terrible to have to change the name the last time it happened. People are finally starting to know who AACT is finally. This idea would be financially irresponsible to have to start over with new stationary documents to label the school and accounts that are already set up for purchasing across the board for all programs. All the accounts with college registration would have to change and all placards around the school would be a problem. It would be a bad decision financially for everyone.	current staff member;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	Dont	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	I think you should focus less on names and more on education for my tax dollars.	current student ;
No	Neither	None at this time.	current student
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please please please do not rename the school, both those names are super long and the name is already complicated and requires an explanation whenever I say it. I recognize and appreciate what you are trying to do but I think the school name is just fine how it is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don t change it,it stupid and people already know the name of our school already out in the community and if we say oh we go to blah blah School people aren t gonna know who we are any more we have a reputation in the community and people know us as aact the name makes sense for us. And if you change the name for the school we re gonna have to build a whole new reputation for us. So it s completely stupid and none of those are names that should be a high score for starters to us in the community they don t mean anything.	current student ;
No	Neither;	I do not want the school renamed.	current student ;
No	Neither;		current student ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename the school.	current student ;
No	Neither;	It already represents and important part of washoe education	current student ;
No	Neither;	N/A	current student ;
No	Neither;	Why? Did either of these people contribute to what makes AACT what it is today?	current student ;
No	Neither;	no, keep the name as it is	current student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;Neither;	AACT is a great name. The student body doesn t want it changed.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don t rename it	current student ;
No	Neither;	The name is already long enough, and the reputation of the school is known by just "AACT". It s a hassle to say Debbie Smith Academy of Arts, Career, and Technology/Dolores Feemster Academy or Arts, Career, and Technology when asked what school you go to. A lot of the students are already proud to just say they go to "AACT".	current student ;
No	Neither;	If you change it, it s too long. It s long enough. Too many words confuse people	current student ;
No	Neither;	The AACT (Academy of Arts, Careers, and Technology) name is long enough. If you continue to add more words in an attempt to attribute the schools name to an individual in real life the school will loose its meaning and furthermore no longer feel special. It will soon feel like that name was forced upon the school and also it s quite a pain to type out the schools full name how much more if the WCSD decides to disregard the people s opinion and make it longer.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Changing the name of AACT will cause too much confusion amongst current and future students. Although both of those ladies seem like wonderful people, i dont think they should be added to AACT. AACT is already long enough, dont need to make it longer for no point	current student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name alone	current student ;
No	Neither;	just no. what s the point?	current student ;
No	Neither;	Why do we have to rename the school? It s an amazing school and AACT what is we have grown to love	current student ;
No	Neither;	No matter what you name this school all kids will completely ignore it and will still call the school AACT	current student ;
No	Neither;	No one would call it that anyways. You should find a school that will make it worth its meaning	current student ;

No	Neither;	Please don't change it	current student ;
No	Neither	Leave the school name alone do not change it	current student
No	Neither;	It's fine the way it is nerd.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name alone	current student ;
No	Neither;	The school has repeatedly struggled with maintaining stability, and changing the name will be detrimental to its reputation. In addition, changing the name will be a waste of resources, since EVERYTHING with the name AACT will have to be changed. The district's money could be much better used in other areas, such as staff, repairs, subsidized lunch and other student resources.	current student ;
No	Neither;	You are worried about naming and already named school while we don't have a superintendent	current student ;
Yes	Dolores Feemster ;	Dolores Feemster should have a school in her name. She did great work for the minorities in our community.	current student ;
No	Neither;	I feel the students at AACT would like to keep the name.	current student ;
No	Neither	No	current student
No	Neither;	AACT is a school made up of people who work hard to make the name sound good. Adding a name which has nothing to do with the school is absolutely offensive and ridiculous to the students who call AACT their own.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Not for AACT	current student ;
No	Neither	The name is long enough	current student
No	Neither;	Not respectful of the school	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please do not rename AACT, no one wants that and it insults the integrity of our current school name, for which people have worked ten years to build the reputation and credibility of our school	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don't do it, nobody even knows these people	current student ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename this is so stupid, you're not letting even letting students decide! Don't you have better things to be deciding about? This is why Nevada is 49th in education!	current student ;
No	Neither;	This idea must have been thought of on the highway because that is where most accidents happen.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Dear Washoe Country School District naming committee,  No, literally no one. Ask any student they do not want a new name especially since the proposed people have never been involved with AACT so they should not have their name on our school. One thing that makes our school special is that we are not named after anyone most of the other schools are named after a person that makes our school stereotypical. I can't believe that there is a whole board for naming schools even if a school already has its name why are focusing on something that does not need any attention. Why are all of you not focusing on the 7.2 million dollars we have in debt, the 36 to 1 teacher ratio, lack of teacher benefits and pay, lack of funding to schools, that is why we are 49th state in education. And Debbie Smith she passed legislation to help Washoe County get out of debt but we are still 7.2 million dollars in debt and Dolores Feemster who works at AACT why would you stupid boomers name school after someone who has NOTHING to do with it. Since you have so much time on your hands why don't you go to a public school and understand how much of a fail you have the students and teachers. Also we have seven words in our name The Academy of Arts Careers and Technology imagine Dolores Feemster Academy of Arts Careers and Technology or Debbie Smith Academy of Arts Careers	current student ;
No	Neither;	Keep our name please, it is already perfect and changing it will make it too long. Nobody in the world wants it to change. Please.	current student ;
No	Neither;	We are already an established school with a "brand", it would be detrimental to rename us and completely unnecessary.	current student ;
No	Neither;	the name is already long enough	current student ;
No	Neither	No	current student
No	Neither;	Renaming AACT can create difficulties with listing the name at competitions and other events.	current student ;

No	Neither;	Don't, DFAACT or DSAACT its to many letter and doesn't roll off the tongue plus AACT is hard enough to say on it own. But more importantly, the people who go to AACT dont want our name changed because it is ours, no matter how much we hate our school that name is part of our identity. We do not know Dolores Feemster and Debbie smith and frankly we do not care about them. The board of trustees can not just waltz in here and name our school after people who have literally nothing to do with it. Not to mention rebranding the school will be a tremendous waste of money that could go to much more important things like teachers salary, better technology, financial aid for students who can't pay for lunch and class fees, more textbooks, or even just funding programs that will increase students well being. AACT is a place where i have made some of my best freinds, it's where i show up everyday completely sleep deprived to learn, no matter how much I hate it sometimes this school is the foundation for my future. This school is important to me, and that includes the name, so don't change it. If you do I bet you'll have an army of teenagers ready to fight you and we're already busy enough.	current student ;
No	Neither;	The name's already long enough and making an effort like this feels half baked and half hearted.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Nope	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please just don t do it, there s no need for AACT to be renamed.	current student ;
No	Neither;	no i like aact name	current student ;
No	Neither	Why would you rename my school?!	current student
No	Neither;	No stop this is bad	current student ;
No	Neither;	We shouldn t rename the school, it s already a long name. Y all are wasting precious time on naming the school that already has a name. Try to fix the school system first.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don t rename the school for people who have not contributed anything to our school	current student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;	Our name is already quite long. I do not want it renamed, but if I had a choice, I would choose Dolores Feemster.	current student ;
No	Neither	KEEP AACT THE WAY IT IS	current student
No	Neither;	It should not be renamed. It s current name really is a great representative of what this school stands for in education.	current student ;
No	Neither;	DO NOT RENAMEEEEEEE!!	current student ;
Yes	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	Ur gay and ur mom gay if you rename AACT. I d rather be called GayACT	current student ;
Yes	Dolores Feemster ;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	I don t think we should rename it	current student ;
Yes	Neither	Nope	current student
No	Neither;	Aact is the school name. It should not be changed, given the fact that these people had NO involvement with the school. It is not a good idea to rename AACT. Please leave it like it is!	current student ;
No	Neither;	It doesnt sound good and theres no reason to. Please just keep it the way it is	current student ;
No	Neither;	Just don t do it	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;Neither;	None	current student ;
No	Neither;	don t rename it!	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please do not change the name of AACT, it is long enough as is and really needs no changes to it, as it describes what my school is about, and I feel as if you were to change it to include the name of someone it would change the way AACT feels.	current student ;
No	Neither;	I would like to keep the acronym as short as it is	current student ;
No	Neither;	Keep it the same	current student ;
No	Neither;	We are our own unique school with our own unique student body. We don t need to be named after anyone being we are making our own path led by one another. Therefore we don t need someone to be named after. On another note, neither of those people who are being considered have any connection to aact other than working in the same district so what is the point? Those names mean nothing to our students and changing the name would be unnecessary and pointless.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Nope. Just don t change it	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don t change our school, or I ll lay an egg in your mouth.	current student ;
No	Neither;	I don t want it renamed	current student ;
No	Neither;	We should not rename AACT after a person because AACT is a community for people to explore their interests and not feel obligated to follow a specific path. Such as that of a school counselor or senator.	current student ;
No	Neither	I would not like AACT to be renamed	current student

No	Dolores Feemster ;	The school is already going downhill with our standards of acceptance being dropped from a 3.0 GPA to a 2.0 GPA. The students accepted since this happened have been nothing but trouble, stealing from our student store and graffitiing our campus. We are accepting students who don t want to actually learn and it s ruining our school. So I don t want to ruin my school anymore than it already has been. Furthermore, I don t believe a name change of our school will be suitable, as it is already a mouthful as it is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please don t.	current student ;
No	Neither	Don't change the name it's long enough already	current student
Yes	Neither;	Keep the name unique and keep academy part.	current student ;
No	Neither;	No. Please do not rename it. DSAACT or DFAACT sounds bad. It is PERFECT the way it is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	The students will not stand for this	current student ;
No	Neither;	Why you gotta ruin the name like that	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don't fix what is not broken	current student ;
No	Neither;	Why would you do this to us	current student ;
No	Neither;	We like it how it is. peepee poopoo	current student ;
No	Neither	I feel my school should not be renamed	current student
No	Neither;	Dear Washoe county board of trustees and renaming committee,  I am a AACT student and when myself and friends found out about this we were shocked, upset, angry, mortified of thought that the board of trustees and the naming committee would ever propose the idea of changing the name of our school. We could not understand why anyone would wish that AACT s name would be changed to Debbie Smith or Dolores Feemster Academy of the Arts Careers and Technology because Debbie Smith never worked at AACT but rather Hug why not rename Hug after her, and Dolores Feemster help the District by passing legislation to help the district with the debt but we still have 7.2 million dollars in debt, The overall emotion of the students of AACT is outrage and if some how AACTs name is changed they will be a riot and the view of the district will become even more tarnished.  Yours truly, AACT students *not Debbie Smith or Dolores Feemster Academy of the Arts Careers and Technology	current student ;
No	Neither;	Who thought of this idea why not fix the large amount of debt we are in.	current student ;
No	Neither;	I decided to gift all of you a poem I put key words into a sonnet generator  Ode to the Debbie and Dolores  A Sonnet by a student Washoe county board of trustees, to you I write. How I hate the way you change our name and make us cry. Invading my mind day and through the night, Always dreaming about this horrible idea.  Let me compare you to a train wreck ? You are more evil and more tragic. People meme the debris of your public image, And you pray to change our name.  How do I hate you? Let me count the ways. I hate your great dumb and idiotic. Thinking of your stupid makes my days. My hate for you is outrageous .  Now I must away with a hated heart, Remember my words whilst we're apart.	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Debbie Smith;	Prefer to keep as is, but if not would like to see Debbie Smith.	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
Yes	Dolores Feemster ;	really like the idea of dolores femster because of here history in reno and as a civil rights activist	current student ;
No	Neither;	I like AACT s name the way it is and I am very against seeing it renamed. The name is already special and known. Most kids wouldn t care who the person was or what they did. I would like to see the school s name stay as it is now.	current student ;
No	Neither;	dont rename, all given names suck. AACT is unique and iconic, it has made the school how it is now. what the community should do for AACT instead is to replace the leadership leader Jasper Isenberg from position and keep her as just a science teacher. )	current student ;

No	Neither;	Please do not change the name! No one wants it changed, and AACT has had the same name for a long time, there is no sufficient reason to change it	current student ;
No	Neither;	I do not believe that aact's name should be changed	current student ;
No	Neither;	no	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;	no	current student ;
No	Neither;	none	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;
No	Neither;	Leave as is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	None	current student ;
Yes	Dolores Feemster ;	No	current student ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	O	current student ;
No	Neither;	Please do not change the name of the school... it is fine as it is..	current student ;
No	Neither;	The same AACT ☺	current student ;
No	Neither;	No need for changing the name. I don't believe either one of the ladies have ties to AACT for it to be named after them.	current student ;
No	Neither;	As a current student of AACT I disagree with renaming AACT because AACT is original and I can describe it as my second family, I know all the teachers even those who are not mine and I feel like if it is renamed it won't be my second family!	current student ;
No	Neither;	I think renaming would make the name way too long. It's good the way it is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Don't	current student ;
No	Neither	I like our name. Don't change it. Please	current student
No	Neither;	People always get confused between ACT and AACT so if you are looking to rename/rebrand, maybe something that touches on more of the options AACT has to offer and a slightly different acronym. I don't think adding a name from either of these women, great as they may be, adds any value to the school.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Keep AACT	current student ;
Yes	Neither;	The name is just TOO LONG! I have 2 kids at this school, 3 next year..I just want to be able to say they go to "Smith HS" or whatever. Just keep it simple, PLEASE! It will be remembered so much better if it's just a solid ONE WORD!	current student ;
Yes	Dolores Feemster ;	I believe it should be renamed Dolores Feemster	current student ;
No	Neither;	it is disrespectful to all of those who attend and work at AACT. the school has now been open for 10 years, why change it now...to something so regular. we are a school for those who want to excel in that specialty... we are not regular and we love it that way. I do not want to graduate from such an amazing school under any other name.	current student ;
No	Neither	Why would you rename our school	current student
No	Neither;	I would not like it to be renamed at ALL! Because if it is renamed, it will be simply condensed down to something like Wooster High, or something like that, and lose the academy part, therefore not getting the recognition it deserves..	current student ;
No	Neither;	The name is strong and unique as is.	current student ;
No	Neither;	We are not one Person, We shouldn't have an individual name in front of our school name. By adding a name it strips us of who we really are. We would then become like any other ordinary high school.	current student ;
No	Neither;	Take a big fat L	current student ;alumni ;current staff member;former staff member ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	*no one* *absolutely no one* School naming committee: iM gOnNa ReNaMe AaCT NoT lIkE theRe Is SeVeN oThEr WoRdS Everyone: You re [redacted] stupid	current student ;alumni ;current staff member;former staff member ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	THE BOOMERS ARE RUINING OUR SCHOOLS EDUCATION!!! SO YEAH TAKE THIS AS A [redacted] THREAT! YOU [redacted] BOOMER &!!!	current student ;alumni ;current staff member;former staff member ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	So many kids have gone by and are proud to be known to go to aact, we also have a floral shop, greenhouse, and business all implemented into the name aact which everyone knows and loves, why change it now?	current student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Keep same	current student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	No	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Neither of those individuals had any direct impact on the success of AACT. If the school was to be renamed, it should be after someone who actually has special meaning to the school, not just some patronizing name change, which I feel is what this is. I do NOT agree with a name change!	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don't	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Please don't. It's unnecessary.	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;

No	Neither;	I do not have any additional comments, except that typing this should not be required to submit this form.	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Despite these women s achievements, the name would generally be ignored by people involved at the school because it is unreasonable to rename an already established school since it would undo the legacy of the school (the same way that celebrities don t change their names after getting married). Also rebranding everything at the school would cost a lot of money. The money and the name would be much better if contributed to a brand new school in washoe county.	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	It would be expensive to rebrand everything at the school.	current student ;family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	It's not your typical High School so just leave it be.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	why is their a need to change this name. But if you are looking to change the concept of the school then definitely make a change in the name. This is a great school and hopefully those in charge will not alter to what they think it needs to be.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Totally unnecessary—focus on keeping the school adequately funded and without sports teams.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep it the same	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	No	family member of current or former AACT student
Yes	Debbie Smith;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it as it is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The names you suggest slant a political bias that is inappropriate. If you want to rename the school it should be around a unifying event not a divisive one.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Not a fan of renaming. Wasted \$\$ to now change the name, building, letterhead, uniforms, etc... The school just had a Logo and Mascot change within the past year. Any \$\$ spent should be for the betterment of the student. Adding a person/name to the already established school, doesn't benefit the student. The Reno/Sparks area will still call the school AACT.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keeping the name is important to my two students. They have invested in merchandise and other stuff with AACT on it. They have pride in their school and feel it should stay the same.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT is long enough.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Debbie Smith;	This is a terrible idea. Why are you messing with something that is not broken? I have one AACT grad and one student in the class of 2021. I think you are doing this to cave to pressure from the public who are mad about the naming of wildcreek. Stop digging.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;	The current name is already long. If you really have to change why limited to only 2 names? Why have one not the other. Put both names on it, problem solved. Debbie Smith and Dolores Feemster Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology. DSDFAACT	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	No	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	How about naming it after one of our founding fathers? This is a good time to support our country.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;Neither;	The name is already a mouthful. If it were to be renamed the AACT part should be shortened to something like "Dolores Feemster Academy"	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name as is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	No	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Name is great as it is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Save the lady s names for a new school. Leave AACT alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I would not like that, just keep the name as it is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	There are other new schools being built they can have those names voted on. There is no need to change a name	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The name is long enough do not change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	Leave as it is	family member of current or former AACT student
Yes	Debbie Smith;	Debbie Smith and Dolores Feemster worked hard for education and our community. Both are appropriate names for the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	Go Debbie	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it as it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why change it?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	no need to reinvent the wheel. the school has a name, a logo, and there is no need to change it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	It is absolutely ridiculous to rename the school. The well known name of AACT in the community reflects the hard work of the school s administration, teachers and successful students over the past 10 years. The honor goes solely to them, not anyone else.	family member of current or former AACT student ;

No	Neither;	If AACT is renamed it should at minimum be someone who actually graduated or taught at AACT, not some random person.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't like the idea of tacking on a person's name to the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please leave the name as-is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't see a reason to rename the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please don't change the name. Being the Academy is wonderful.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I do not believe it would be in the best interest of AACT to be renamed. The school has successfully emerged as a unique, engaging high school that recognizes student's idiosyncrasies as strengths. The school has posted almost 100% graduation rates every year since opening and cannot accept all of the applicants each year.  The community recognizes the acronym AACT, Universities, colleges and trade schools recognize the acronym AACT. Changing it now would be a disservice to current and future students. It is almost certain that this proposed name change would lead to the school being universally identified as "Smith High" or "Feemster High" which completely vaporizes the long standing and clear recognition that it is an Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology. In every conversation I have ever engaged in, in every article I have ever read, in almost every situation, schools are referenced in the short form. Earl Wooster High School is referred to as "Wooster" or "Wooster High". The same goes for Edward Reed High (Reed), Robert McQueen High (McQueen), and Procter Hug High (Hug).  I am wondering why, with all of the capital funds from WC-1 producing many additional schools, there is not a new school that could be named in honor of Debbie Smith or Dolores Feemster? I strongly believe it would	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I'm not sure how this would improve the school, but it sounds like it would end up costing money for a relatively inane reason.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don't change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No change to the name	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No, we like the name as is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I assume this is so that the second AACT that is going into former Hug isn't confused with the existing AACT. Why do both need a new name? Does the other need to have AACT in its name? Regardless of adding someone's name on the front of both, they will be confused, So I would leave the existing as is and focus on differentiating with a different name for the new academy.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please leave it be.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Changing the name of the school sends a message of instability and special interest politics. I would hope AACT could stay focused on their true mission, to provide leadership for all the other schools in Washoe County. There must be a hall or a building or library that could honor these champions of education. Please consider keeping the name. I'm constantly explaining the name as it is, why make it more complicated. Just my two cents!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	i think its fine the way it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Too many names. Keep it simple.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	n/a	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name the same.....	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep it as it's.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it as it is to avoid having to spend money changing everything.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	Michael Landsberry or Paul Dugan	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	no	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	This is a signature academy there is no need to have a name before it. It stands alone by what they do.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	School name is fine the way it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	While I'm certain that the Board has valid reasons to rename AACT, I do not agree that this should occur. While these individuals did outstanding things during their lifetime, it does not warrant that a school be named after them. AACT has been distinguished as AACT from the beginning and I like that it has its own unique name. One without an individual attached to it. I have 3 students at AACT. Bad enough that the logo was changed to an astronaut!!!!!! No more changes please!!!!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Debbie Smith;	If a new name needs to be attached to it, I'd like Debbie Smith. I'm not 100% certain why the district feels it needs to be changed. Also, I am wondering, is this going to cost the district money? Money that could be spent on increasing the per-student funding?	family member of current or former AACT student ;

No	Neither;	It shouldn't be changed the name now makes it sound fancy	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don't change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Neither of them had anything directly to do with AACT! As a longtime AACT family (since the beginning), it makes zero sense to rename the school after someone who had nothing to do with it. It makes it look like y'all are trying to repay favors and doesn't look above board. I am dead set against this!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	no	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No renaming. This is purely political and should be kept out of the scholastic environment.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep same name AACT	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I think this is a horrible idea. Quit renaming schools and instead place placards within the buildings that honor community people.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The school already has a name ... AACT ... and it should not be renamed! Both of the names "Debbie Smith" and "Dolores Feemster" should be on the list for names of future schools, because there will surely be more schools built in the Washoe County School District in the near future. No need to replace an existing school's name.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The name is fine as is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I like the name as it is	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Just no.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	nothing	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	The current name of AACT is already long enough when people say it completely. I don't think the school should be renamed at all. Completely disagree with this process of renaming, waste of time and money of Washoe County School District!!!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don't change AACT school name.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Feel it should just remain AACT	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	I think the name is great the way it is. It will be far too lengthy, and kind of a mouthful otherwise.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT shouldn't be renamed	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I like the name AACT	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please keep the name as it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	If it ain't broke, don't fix it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why are you changing it when it is perfect?	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	AACT does not need to have a person named after it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	You should rename AACT to Apollo or some space ship/astronaut stuff. Their logo is an astronaut now so it would be cool.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	There have been other opportunities to have one of the new schools being built to be named after either individual (i.e. Elementary or Middle School). AACT should not be renamed.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name as is. Our schools don't need to be named after politicians. In addition, why is it not mentioned that Mrs. Feemster was also a former principal at Hug? Could it be that the public might research and find out she was removed from that position?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	It's a non-traditional school that deserves a non-traditional name. Perhaps The Academy!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Dolores Feemster ;	Award the name to someone actually associated with the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name as it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Instead of naming it after someone, name it something the kids would be excited about and want to go to. I don't think either of these names reflect an academy of specialized education.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	It's fine the way it is. Save the "new names" for new schools.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	N/A	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	The school should not be renamed. The students are happy with the current name.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	My student does not wish to change the name of the school either	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	We are a technology School and should be named after someone who was stellar in the technology field	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't care for the practice of naming schools after people.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	What's the point? The current name explains it... why make it longer? Sincerely, a graduate of The Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing & Visual Arts (but EVERYBODY knows it as LVA)	family member of current or former AACT student ;

No	Neither;	This feels like the board doesn't want to have to choose between names for the new schools so they are trying to use one for AACT. Why change the name? The school already lost it's Phoenix mascot this year and now has an astronaut. (What does that have to do with AACT?) Now you want to change even more about the school. Sad.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT should not be renamed.	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please dont change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name as it is11	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Dont do this	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Stop this	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	They ve already changed the mascot 3 times that I know of. Just leave it alone already and spend the money on education, please, and time on making sure that all of the teachers are best meeting the needs of all of the students. This is our 3rd year, and I m seeing a decline in the quality of education, especially when comparing my current freshman to the experience my junior had as a freshman. Spending time, energy and resources on renaming the school does not seem to be in the best interest of the students it is meant to serve. I would imagine that renaming is not where these two women would want to see the resources go as well.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	When Hug gets refurbished, rename it after Debbie Smith.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Debbie Smith;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't believe it needs to be renamed!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The current name is just fine	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave name alone	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	n/a	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	We don't need to spend valuable time and money to rename a school!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	There is ABSOLUTELY no reason to rename the school. Leave well enough alone and save the money.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why change it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why do we waste time about renaming school? There are many issues more important than rename school that I already have great name.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why does it need to be changed?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please leave it alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I do not believe adding a person to the name of the school makes sense	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	The name is long enough and descriptive of the school. I don t believe it should be renamed nor does my student. It has been named AACT for several years. Why the change now? I feel this is a waste of money, time, and effort. Perhaps a new school could be named after these women.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	That school has built a great reputation thanks to the previous administration. I was hoping the same philosophy of excellence would continue but even changing the name is a clear that ideals are changing and there are more important agendas then the students'.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The students of the school do not want the school renamed.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	It seems at one point there was an option for the school to be renamed "Battle Born High School" or "Battle Born AACT". I would support this change as it is reflective of our state motto.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The school name is already long. Both of their name can be on other new schools build. Keep AACT the same. If you really want to do it why stop at one name? Put both on it. Debbie Smith and Dolores Feemster Academy of Arts, Careers & Technology. DSDFAACT	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The school should remain the same name. There is no reason to spend money for our students on letterhead, business cards, signage etc, for a name change!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	Do not change	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Do not change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Renaming only costs money and to what end will it improve the school?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The current name makes the school unique as it focuses on the core mission of the school rather than the name of a local person.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Debbie Smith;	If it has to be renamed (which I don't feel like it does), then Debbie Smith is the name I'd like.	family member of current or former AACT student ;

No	Neither;	Changing the name of the school will make things harder because everything that the school has committed to in their legacy will no longer be recognized with a new name. Rebranding everything will cost a lot of money. This will be difficult for the business program and our students.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please leave the name alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Being known as AACT keep it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	I like the name. That s what it s been.	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the existing AACT school with its current name.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave it like it is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	X	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep the same name	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Debbie Smith;Neither;	I don't think that AACT needs a name change. It has a standing in the community as AACT, and does not need another name attached to it, nor does it need to have the rebranding done that would be required with a name change. People will always call it AACT	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	No	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Why would you change the name of an already established school? As a mother of two students there, they are pretty upset about this and feel that their opinions don't seem to matter. Please keep AACT the same.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The current name is appropriate. You don t need to name every school after a school district employee. Past or present. There are more important things for school district staff to focus on don t you think?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please don't.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don t think the name should change. In this case you re just adding someone s name in front. Poor use of time and money.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please keep the name as it is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT currently has a name. And it s a name with good standing in the community. It represents hardwork, opportunities, and successful students. Do not rename it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why are they considering renaming the school?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	"AACT" is already a mouth-full, don t continue to add to it. Also, while these women have a connection with Nevada, they have no connection with the school itself (or at least it was not provided). The mascot has already changed. Don t continue to make changes to the school that many of its students spend more time at than their own homes, allowing it to lose its sense of belonging for the students.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Do not rename	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	N/A	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I like the current name of the school. It would be too long & complicated if a name to add anything to it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	While both these women served their time in WCSD and you would like to honor them, please do it elsewhere. This school is unique and the name is already long enough.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	If you rename it, then it should be renamed after a veteran that was killed in the line of duty.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Renaming the school would be a bad idea. Please do not do this.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Stop this ridiculous name change. The women have nothing, zero to do with AACT and do not deserve to have their names applied to this school	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	This is a technical education school. If it s going to be renamed it should be renamed after a STEM star	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don t do it!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	no	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep Aact	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't think it should be renamed.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	School name is long enough, should leave as is	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither	Leave it the way it is.	family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	While the individuals names may be a recognition for their long-time contribution and dedication to the school district and communities, it would be better to keep the current school name (AACT) as is to avoid unnecessary moral damage, amongst other unnecessary time and efforts, to the school community, and more importantly, the students (as most are opposed to the idea of renaming the school to something they did not sign up for when enrolled). I m sure the named individuals would not wish to see this happen and they would be much better recognized and remembered via other venues. Thank you for your understanding.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Renaming the school is a waste of time and money.	family member of current or former AACT student ;

Yes	Debbie Smith;	I believe having AACT as a benefactor of having the late Senator Smith's name is quite an honor and demonstrates the nexus of her tireless efforts for all students in Nevada and her love for Career Technical Education.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
Yes	Debbie Smith;	To be honest, I don't have a strong feeling to rename or not rename or a connection or pull towards either Debbie or Dolores.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No tangible benefit. Unnecessary costs will be incurred for website, graphics, business cards, and other revisions.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why fix what isn't broken? There are plenty of other, more important issues that the district can and should be focusing their attention on.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Ridiculous to make the name even longer	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT should be as is for now.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The current name is sufficient. The hidden costs of changing a name should be spent to better the education or expand programs.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Why do you want to fix what doesn't need fixed? Consider the funds needed to change all of the current identifiers to a new set. What a waste. You are building a number of new facilities, use the names on them, instead.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	While I appreciate the idea of honoring one of these deserving women, the idea of changing the name of AACT feels incredibly forced. If this were student driven, I would be much more supportive; however, the fact that it is being pushed by adults from the district frankly smacks of paternalism, and I believe the only lesson it would end up teaching the children is that their opinions, feelings, and traditions mean nothing if someone's ego is involved.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Renaming is unnecessary.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I believe the school's name should be one that would encourage kids to get a higher education. Not named after someone the kids know nothing about or would care about. I say leave it the way it is or change name completely to a name that would inspire our kids and others to want to make a difference in our world and community.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	There is no reason to rename the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
Yes	Neither;	I think we should name it Michael Landsberry. He is a hero educator who deserves a school named after him way more than politicians and administrators. He saved lives.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave well enough ALONE. Spend \$\$ on school safety instead of renaming. Another speed bomb that's not way past the school would be a good idea.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	N/A	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I agree that Ms Smith and Feemster should be honored for their service to the community but the proposed names for AACT would make the school name so long that it would be a burden to the students and staff and make errors more probable. I would suggest that instead AACT would select one person to honor with a large plaque in a prominent position at the school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Keep the name the same	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I do not want to see the School renamed.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Academy of Arts Careers and Technology will be dropped, as the name is shortened, and That is what the school is about ISN'T it?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Renaming schools should not be a priority for the district right now.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Just leave it AACT. The name is long enough without adding a name to it.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT is a unique school that with its name remains unique. If it is named as all other schools are then it just waters down its uniqueness, albeit, if just in name. Additionally, I struggle naming schools after living people because then it appears to be a self serving political tribute to the people for whom the schools are named by people working in the school district. I am not completely against naming schools after people as I was a student of Kendal Deapoli and think she was a great teacher, however, she had already passed away when the school was named after her. I still have heartburn that McQueen High School was named what it is when the majority of the public wanted it to be named Northwest High School and had no clue who Robert McQueen was.	family member of current or former AACT student ;

No	Neither;	Having the name AACT make it unique among the high schools in the school district	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No need	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I think the name should remain as it is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	please don't change the name	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I previously submitted a lengthy comment about this renaming possibility from a previous questionnaire that was sent to me. I am hopeful that it was not discarded. In short, I oppose any name change based on the reality that the school would be referenced as Smith High or Feemster High, and would lose all connection to its actual origins and history. Please allow a new school to be named after Debbie Smith or Dolores Feemster. Thank you.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	please don't do it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Leave the name alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Name is already perfect as is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No, no and no!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Don't Change the Name	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I don't think either of those names sound professional. AACT sounds better when talking to people.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Other Nevadans have helped improve our educational system before. Why didn't we rename the school after those individuals before? Why now?	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	WHY? The current name brands the school as something special.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	don't change it	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please don't rename it. It is bad enough that you keep changing the mascot every year.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	None.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT Rocks!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Please don't make it longer and more complicated than it already is.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	The current name defines the school more accurately. Students are identified by AACT.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	hell no, we won't go	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	AACT should not be renamed	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	Our school name is already long enough. Why do we need to add the name to make it even longer? Changing name will cause many problems to alumni and students. Do not waste time on changing name!	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	LEAVE THE SCHOOL NAME ALONE!  Many new schools will be built worry about their names. The names suggested have nothing to do with AACT. The students that have graduated from AACT won't have a school that exists anymore. You can't just change a name because you feel like doing so. AACT has enough trouble telling others that they even exist and now the progress that has been made will be extinct with a new name. It'll be a bad joke that only the students will suffer. The relentless question "What's the name of that High School?" will never end and joke will be that the name keeps changing.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	I like AACT.	family member of current or former AACT student ;
No	Neither;	if it's not broke, don't fix it. While I think it's great to honor such amazing women, people will always refer to the school as AACT.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Quit messing with AACT. You are going to ruin a great thing.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member
No	Neither;	Thank you for this opportunity to participate. I strongly believe that the current AACT name should remain in place. This school is unique in nature and has developed its culture through participation and commitment of its past and current eclectic group of teachers, principals and students. AACT represents the differences of each individual that has participated in its history to bring it to its current greatness. To now establish a new name in honor of one individual does not represent its culture or history. I recognize the amazing two women that are submitted for naming consideration. But, neither could individually represent what AACT has become. I would seriously request the WCSD Should Board to not rename this wonderful school and allow it to continue as a unique, diverse school.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Best high school in washoe county, leave it alone.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member
No	Neither;	No change.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	It should just be AACT no name in front just The Academy of Arts Careers and Technology	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member
No	Neither;	I think it's ridiculous; the name is already lengthy. Concentrate your energy on something else.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;

No	Neither;	None. The name is fine as is	family member of current or former AACT student community member
No	Neither;	It does not need to be renamed. Leave it!	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	No	family member of current or former AACT student community member
No	Neither;	do not rename. Waste of money and time	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	Keep it the way it is. It doesn't need to be changed.	family member of current or former AACT student community member
No	Neither;	Don't	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	I have already submitted comment through the previous solicitation. However, in the event that was not received, I would like to stress that the unique nature of this school is based on a culture that has been established and refined by the staff, administration and students. They all take strong pride in what this school has become. To now rename in honor of one of these two women would be disrespectful to the hard work that has gone into the school and the development of its unique and strong nature. No doubt these two women are wonderful for our community, but it is not appropriate to rename this school in their honor. Please look to new schools for the honorary naming with these two women. In that way, they can then be impactful on a new community.  Additionally, the AACT name has become known with college institutions. To rename now is doing a great injustice to graduating seniors now and in the near future.  I stress that it is not in the interest of the students, the teachers, the administration or the great culture of this school to rename it. As such, I respectfully submit this request for your consideration. I am happy to further discuss this issue with the Washoe County School Board. I am a business owner, parent, and active	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	I think AACT is established and understood in the community by now. Changing it seems redundant and a waste of money to get all new letterhead and signage.	family member of current or former AACT student ;community member ;
No	Neither;	YOU AUTISTIC DOG HOW BOUT YOU GO FINA ANOTHER SCHOOL TO CHANGE ☹️	former staff member ;
No	Neither;	Nope	former staff member ;
No	Neither;	Keep the current name	former staff member ;family member of current or former AACT student
No	Neither;	Keep the same name	former staff member ;family member of current or former AACT student ;



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Bricklayers  
and Allied RE: School Naming  
Craftsmen

Cement Masons To Whom It May Concern;

Electrical Workers I am writing to urge the School District to name the new school at Wild Creek  
Elevator Constructors after the late Senator Debbie Smith. It was primarily through her efforts and  
dedication to support education that the School District is able to fund not only  
Floor Coverers this School but many other new schools and the maintenance to existing schools  
in the District.

Glaziers

Hod Carriers I worked with Senator Smith for the entire time she was a Legislator and  
education was always her number one priority and I know personally that the lack  
Iron Workers of funding to maintain and build new schools weighed heavily on her. She  
tirelessly worked to find a solution to that funding gap and the Washoe County  
Laborers School District reaped the reward of every one of her successful efforts  
culminating with the passage of WC1 which makes it possible for the new Wild  
Operating Engineers Creek High School to be constructed.

Painters and  
Allied Trades

Plasterers While I agree that there are numerous people who have committed much if not all  
of their lives to education it is my belief that when it comes to the ability of  
Washoe County School District to build and maintain schools there is no one who  
Plumbers was as dedicated as Senator Smith. It is for that reason that I urge the School  
Sheet Metal Workers District on behalf of the nearly 5,000 Unionized construction workers our Council  
represents, to honor Senator Smith's memory by naming the Wild Creek High  
Sprinkler Fitters School after her.

Teamsters

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Paul McKenzie  
Secretary Treasurer

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To Whom It May Concern,

**Eightieth Session**

I am writing this letter in support of naming a school after Senator Debbie Smith.

I first met Debbie when my oldest daughter started kindergarten 30 years ago. I wanted to help my daughter have the best education, so I joined the PTA. It was through PTA that I met Debbie.

In PTA we had a motto: Every Child – One Voice. She lived this motto her whole life. Debbie taught me that if I wanted to help my own children, I needed to help all kids. With her heart and soul, she served at her local school and then at the regional, state and national levels. She served as President of Nevada PTA and then as National PTA President. Her leadership and example of advocacy for all children has inspired me and many others to be better advocates for education. Eventually she realized that she could enact more change by running for the Nevada Assembly where she was an amazing and very effective legislator. Eventually I followed in her footsteps and served as President of Nevada PTA and as a state legislator.

Debbie was a doer! Whatever she set her mind to she accomplished. She was tireless. She advocated at local school boards, the Nevada Legislature and Washington DC. There wasn't a better person to fight for our kid's education and for our teachers.

When I served as the Majority Leader of the Nevada Senate, Debbie was my Assistant Majority Leader. Debbie was always there to support me and do whatever needed to be done. Debbie also served as President of the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL). She led with distinction. She was the epitome of a Statesman throughout the country and world.

When I think of why you would want to name a school after anyone, Debbie Smith is the model of whom should receive that honor. You want someone that will inspire the children to be their best. You want someone that inspires teachers and administrators. You want someone that the community looks up to. With Debbie, you get all that and more. Her life was a life of service to others. Whether it was being a wife, mother, grandmother, school board trustee, PTA President, State Legislator, President of NCSL, Debbie always served with all her heart, might, mind and strength. While she served in State and National positions she never forgot where she came from. She always fought for her local community. Funding new schools in Washoe was something she never gave up on.

I realize that you have other very deserving individuals that schools can be named after, but you don't have anyone more deserving than Debbie. You would not have new schools to name if it wasn't for the tireless work that Debbie put forth. If she were here, she would not have sought after this honor.

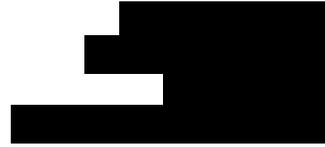
There is much more to add, but I will end with this. She left a legacy that will always be remembered. The lives she touched and inspired will continue her legacy of changing the world for good. The world is a better place because of Debbie Smith. I am so blessed to have had Debbie Smith in my life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mo Denis".

Senator Mo Denis

Yuko Okudaira



October 29, 2019

Riley Sutton  
Washoe County School District  
425 East Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Mr. Sutton

Thank you for considering Debbie Smith as the name of the new high school in Washoe County.

Debbie, my late mother in law, dedicated her life and career to bettering the education of students in Nevada. Watching her work tirelessly for a better education was a true honor, one that will have a lasting impact on both the state of Nevada, and on Washoe County.

Naming the new school after her would be a true honor to her legacy as an advocate for the students of Washoe County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yuko".

Yuko Okudaira

## Debbie Smith High School | Support Letter

775-544-5510 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

October 29, 2019

Riley Sutton  
Washoe County School District  
425 East Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Mr. Sutton

I'm writing in support of naming the new high school in Washoe County after my mother, the late Debbie Smith.

The entirety of my life, from my earliest childhood moments up until her final weeks of life, my mother was working to better the education system in Nevada.

She started the best way she knew how, through the PTA. This grew from the school level, following my sisters and I from Alice Maxwell Elementary, to Sparks Middle School, and Sparks High School. She became the state PTA president, and eventually sat on the National PTA Board.

From this experience she learned the power of parental involvement in the success of students, and was hired by the Washes County School District as the inaugural Parent Coordinator.

In 2000, she was elected to the State Assembly where she would take her passion for education to the biggest stage in the state. She would spend the rest of her career and life in the state capital moving from the Assembly, and eventually to the State Senate, focused on bettering the Nevada public education system.

Her final achievement was the introduction of WC-1, a ballot measure to fund needed repairs and renovations on existing schools, as well as the construction of new schools, including the new high school to be named.

I can't think of a more fitting way to honor her legacy as an advocate for the students of Washoe County than by naming the new school in her name, Debbie Smith.

Sincerely,



Ian M Smith



October 29, 2019

Riley Sutton

[RSutton@washoeschools.net](mailto:RSutton@washoeschools.net)

Dear Riley Sutton,

Please accept this letter of support for the naming of Debbie Smith High School. Our Firm worked with Senator Debbie Smith for a number of years – she was a remarkable friend, co-worker, and leader. The School Naming Committee has a number of great names to choose from, but no other titles reflect the dedication and incredible spirit of Debbie Smith as much as her name itself does. Debbie was an extraordinary public servant – not only did she maintain an unparalleled commitment to Nevada, she was a constant role model for young women and men across this state. She fought diligently for improved education and funding for new schools. We now have the opportunity to show Debbie’s family, friends, and Nevada how much her tireless work to improve the lives of Nevadans was valued by the State. Through the naming of this school, Debbie’s legacy will continue to inspire and touch the spirits of countless young lives.

Sincerely,

**Griffin Company**

John Griffin

Josh Griffin

Matt Griffin

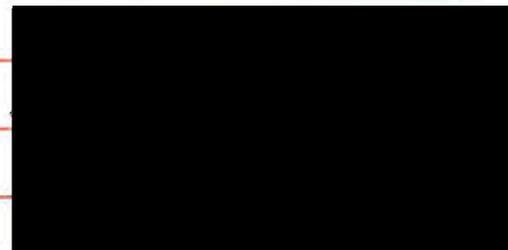
Chelsea Capurro

Tia White

10-15-2019

Senator Debbie Smith supported  
education, and so much more.

I support Debbie Smith for  
the new high school.



Dear Member of the school board,

I am writing to express my support for naming the new High School at Wildcreek after former State Senator Debbie Smith. While in the State Assembly and Senate, Debbie was the driving force behind the sponsoring and passing of Brianna's Law, as well as the sponsored of multiple pieces of legislation to assist schools including the bill that led to the creation of the 2016 ballot question WC-1 which gave Washoe County School District the capital funding for the Wildcreek Project. However her connection to schools goes back much farther than that; Debbie was a member of the Lander County School Board, and was a past president of the Nevada State PTA.

Outside of public service Debbie Smith was a 30 year plus Union Member. She served as a fringe benefits coordinator, so she understood the need and the value of having a good pension and healthcare for working people. She understood the value of being a functional and contributing member of society while working and retired and why these good paying jobs were so important, not only for today but for security tomorrow.

While all of these individuals a listed for consideration are deserving, and we don't want to diminish their accomplishments, without Debbie Smith we wouldn't be holding a meeting and naming a new school. Debbie's commitment to the education of current and future students as well as working men and women should not go unrecognized and her legacy should live on by honoring her with the naming of the new high school.

Regards,  
Andrew Sloan  
[Redacted]  
Sparks, NV 89436

I'm weeping as I write this. I met Debbie when she came to eat at my cafe. She was always accompanied by alert and intelligent people and was always so quick to notice need and to offer her warm and sincere help. My daughter Bianca and I grew fond of her so quickly. We met her family then when she came for mothers day brunch every year.

My enduring impression of her is that while she focused effectively—like a good mom—on so many things, kids and their need for exceptional education was her priority.

Her daughter planned a lovely surprise birthday party for her mom, one Friday night at my cafe. It was glorious—Debbie was so well loved by so many people. The following Tuesday she got a diagnosis that was devastating to all of us who loved her. And then she was gone. I can't think of an honor she would have deserved and appreciated more than a school named for her. My regret is that the generations of kids who will pass through there will not know how she made every single person she met, feel special. I know though that there will be some magic there, because her spirit still glows bright.

Barb Giacomini  
Daughters Cafe  
97 Bell Street  
Reno Nevada 89503  
775-224-5546

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Regards,  
Barbara Ayon  
[Redacted]  
Reno, NV 89521

[Email received from Bernardo Miranda II on 10/29/19]

Greetings,

I am writing this letter in support of naming the school in Debbie Smith's honor. She was a dear friend and mentor, a very positive influence in my life. She did everything with love and integrity and worked tirelessly in education. I knew Debbie for nearly 15 years and she left a very significant impact on my life. Debbie was one the kindest people I have ever known. Naming the school in her honor would be a great way to continue to spread her message of love and education for many years to come.

Thank you for your consideration

Bernardo Miranda

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Regards,  
carol mason  
[Redacted]  
Fernley, NV 89408

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Regards,  
Charlie Costello  
[Redacted]  
Berkeley, CA 94708

Dear Trustees,

I am writing you today to request your consideration and support in naming the new High School after the late Senator Debbie Smith.

Senator Smith was a tireless advocate for the education of our youth. From serving as Washoe County School District's first parent coordinator to President of the Nevada PTA as well as serving on the National PTA board, Senator Smith showed her dedication to Education in Washoe County and the State of Nevada.

Serving in the Nevada State Legislature, Senator Smith fought for funding for new Nevada schools. She never gave up fighting for funding even as she was fighting a deadly illness.

Washoe County is better off because of Senator Smith's efforts. I ask you to honor her memory by naming the new high school after her.

Thank you.

--

Clarence McCarthy

[Redacted]

Sparks, NV 89434

775 [Redacted]

[Email received from Erin Smith Marlon on 10/31/2019]

To whom it may concern:

It's with great pride, and sadness, that I send this letter in support to name the new high school being built at Wildcreek after my Mom, Debbie Smith.

Sad, because if she were alive, I would never be sending this email. My Mom would never ask or see a school named after her; she just did the hard work, not wanting recognition.

Pride, because she accomplished so much for the community, that this is even an option. Without WC-1, this school, and the prior five new schools would not have been built. She worked tirelessly during the last year of her life while she was fighting brain cancer (traveling back and forth from northern Nevada to Houston for treatment) to see this initiative put on the ballot and then helped get it passed.

We are having conversations about what to name new schools because of her.

Debbie Smith was good. She was true, thoughtful, loving, kind, passionate and worked so hard for all kids to have the opportunity of a great education. All three of her children, including me, are proudly a product of the WCSD system.

Naming a school after her reaffirms the community's pride that we had a leader like my Mom representing our kids.

I strongly urge you to support Debbie Smith High School as the name of the new school at Wildcreek Golf Course.

Thank you for your time,  
Erin Smith

[Follow up email received the same day]

I forgot to include this link:

<https://vimeo.com/367915785>

Can you see that the committee gets it?

Thanks much,  
Erin

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Regards,  
Gerri Beitia  
[Redacted]  
Elko, NV 89801

Dear Riley,

I wanted to express my support for the Wild Creek School to be named for Debbie Smith. Senator Smith was a tireless advocate for education, children, and those without a voice in Nevada for the entirety of her career. She came into public service through education and fought so hard for public schools and students through her work on the PTA, State Assembly, and Senate. At the state level and local level, her voice is so dearly missed in the conversations around funding for education, accountability, and a quality education for all children. She brought forward numerous pieces of legislation to advance the needs of public education in the state. In her last years of her life she fought to bring WC-1 to reality. The very schools being named were built because of her relentless work. I'm in full support of this school being named for our beloved Senator and think now is the time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jessica Ferrato  
Crowley & Ferrato Public Affairs  
(775) [Redacted]

[Email received from Joan Rodican on 10/31/2019]

Please pass this letter on to the naming committee for me, Riley.

I believe that the high school should be named in honor of Debbie Smith who made it her life's goal to improve the schools in the state and at the end served the state in congress.

For this service the honor should be awarded to Debbie.

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Regards,  
John Adame  
[Redacted]  
Sparks, NV 89441

Hi Riley,

As head of the naming committee, please accept this endorsement:

As a staff member on the Nevada Legislature since 2003, I had the opportunity to regularly observe Assemblywoman, later Senator, Debbie Smith as she went about her work. In 2013, I had the privilege of working directly for her when she chaired the Senate Committee on Finance. Few, if any, have done more to advance quality education in Nevada than Debbie. There is no telling how enormous her imprint might have been, had her life not been so tragically cut short. In considering the name for the new high school, please keep in mind it is not enough just to care—one has to translate that into action.

Throughout the years, Debbie studied the complex world of the legislative process and was highly proficient in pushing through laws for the betterment of education and the welfare of Nevada's children; all the while maintaining a reputation for integrity that was respected on both sides of the aisle. In honoring the values of character, persistence, decency and cooperation, students attending this new high school could not have a better role model than Debbie Smith.

Respectfully,

Michael Archer

*Author of *A Man of His Word: The Life & Times of Nevada's Senator William J. Raggio**

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Dear School Naming Committee,

I will not be able to attend the naming committee meeting to be held on October 2, 2019. Therefore, I would like to voice my support for naming the new Wildcreek High School after Debbie Smith. Senator Smith saved Andru Casado's life after Nevada's stock epinephrine law went into effect. This law continues to protect the children of Nevada while saving lives. This is one example of the many ways Senator Smith impacted the health and well being of Nevada.

Senator Smith's work to protect, educate and support our children is breathtaking.

Please honor and show our children that making a difference matters and that we should continue the good work of Senator Smith by naming the new Wildcreek High School after Debbie Smith.

Respectfully,

Caroline Moassessi

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Regards,  
Patrick Boileau  
[Redacted]  
San Francisco, CA 94107

[Email received 10/31/19]

Dear Trustees,

I am sending you this message to let you know of my local unions and my overwhelming support in naming the new High School after the late Senator Debbie Smith.

To say that Debbie was a champion of K-12 education would be an understatement. It would take pages to list her personal sacrifices, efforts and legislative accomplishments to that end.

Senator Debbie Smith knew that the most important responsibility that a community has is to train the future.

On behalf of the thousands of workers in Northern Nevada affiliated with the Northern Nevada Central Labor Council (NNCLC), their families and children, I urge you to honor the legacy of Senator Debbie Smith by naming the new high school after her.

Sincerely,

Randy L. Canale

**Randy Canale**  
**Training Coordinator**  
**UA Local 350 Pipe Trades Apprenticeship**  
**o: 775-359-2229**  
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To whom it may concern,

There is no more apt an honor to bestow upon the legacy of Senator Debbie Smith than for a school to bear her name. Her dedication to improving the lives of Nevadans and the people of Washoe County through education was unparalleled.

In addition to her enduring legacy in education, she touched the lives of everyone who was fortunate enough to have known her. She was truly special and will forever be missed.

Sincerely,

Rob Steiner

Dear Trustees,

At the October meeting of the Northern Nevada Central Labor Council (NNCLC) AFL-CIO, a motion was proposed, discussed and approved by the delegates to support the naming of the new High School after the late Senator Debbie Smith. The motion had overwhelming support.

To say that Debbie was a champion of K-12 education would be an understatement. It would take pages to list her personal sacrifices, efforts and legislative accomplishments to that end.

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On behalf of the thousands of workers in Northern Nevada affiliated with the NNCLC, their families and children, I urge you to honor the legacy of Senator Debbie Smith by naming the new high school in her honor..

Sincerely,

Ron Kaminkow, Vice President  
Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers & Trainmen #51  
Reno, NV  
**cc: Mike Pilcher**

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Regards,  
Scott Fullerton  
[Redacted]  
Reno, NV 89511

**Barbara Buckley, Esq.**  
[Redacted]  
**Las Vegas, NV 89103**  
[Redacted]

October 23, 2019

*Via Email* [RSutton@WashoeSchools.net](mailto:RSutton@WashoeSchools.net)

Washoe County School District  
School Naming Committee

Dear members of the Washoe County School District School Naming Committee:

It is my honor to write this letter asking you to consider naming a school in honor of Debbie Smith. Debbie devoted her life to improving education and education funding. As a young mom, she volunteered in schools, seeing a need for parental involvement. Not content with that, she became involved in the PTA, eventually becoming the President of the Nevada PTA and joining the national Board of the PTA. She volunteered for legislative committee work. All of this grass roots work inspired her to run for office. I remember Debbie when she was first elected. She was a little shy and a little nervous, but she never wavered on what she hoped to achieve: better opportunities for Nevada's children through educational success. She tackled the interim committee on adequacy of school funding to ensure school districts had what they needed to help our children. She sponsored legislation to give Washoe County the same bonding and funding sources as elsewhere in the State. She battled certain legislators who thought K-12 received enough funding. When she ran into obstacles with any legislators, she came up with another idea – such as her idea to sponsor a local initiative to secure school funding. She was tireless in her zeal to improve our system.

In her very last session, when she was struck ill with cancer, she still went to the legislature when an education funding issue demanded it. That is how much she cared. I can think of no finer example for Washoe County children than to see Debbie's name on their school as she stands for integrity, honesty, and determination. She never remained on the sidelines. When she saw education was not getting the attention or funding it needed, she threw herself in the battlefield known as politics to make sure that those making the decisions actually shared her values and commitment to education. She was such a humble, fierce advocate and an amazing human being.

Sincerely,



Barbara Buckley  
Former Speaker, Nevada State Assembly

I Support Debbie Smith  
for The New High School.

Louis Smith

Mr. Sutton:

I am writing in support of the Washoe County School District naming on of the two school sites (Proctor Hug High School transition, Wildcreek High School site) in honor of the late Senator Debbie Smith. No Nevadan in recent memory has had the impact on Washoe County and state of Nevada schools as Debbie Smith and no one could be more deserving than Debbie to cement her legacy for years to come.

Debbie devoted her adult life and professional life to Nevada's kids and education. She fought to her last days to insure funding for Washoe Counties schools and children and never wavered in her determination regardless of the obstacles. I hope this process does not turn into a simple popularity contest, that true examination of each candidates contributions are accounted for and Debbie's legacy is memorialized.

Regards,

Bruce Billbrey

[Redacted]

Always Be Humble and Kind,

My husband Jim and I have lived on Wedekind Rd for 33 years and knew Debbie Smith. Her tireless work on behalf of education makes her the best possible choice in naming the new High School. Without her sponsorship and work to pass WC-1 this new school would not have been possible. This posthumous honor would make her smile!

Jim and Nancy Conkey

[Redacted]

Sparks, NV 89431

[Redacted]

[Email received on 10/22/2019]

Hello there.

Writing this to put in my voice on naming the new high school at Wild Creek ...

**Debbie Smith High School**

Debbie Smith was, to me, the "ONE" elected official that:

\*\*\* time and time again, worked for bettering our educational environment

\*\*\* without fail, would respond to calls, letters, emails passionately when contacted by her constituents

\*\*\* wrote and actually got legislation passed which focused on our educational issues

And for the former Hug school location, keep his legacy intact ...

... and if not Hug ... Battle Born.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Paula Smail  
[Redacted]. 98431

[Email received by Susanne on 10/22/2019]

I can't find the web site with all of the name choices, but I've heard that my first choice, Wild Creek, isn't an option. The second best choice includes the name Debbie Smith. Some of the name choices I heard would be ludicrous to include in a cheer for a sports team.

Mr Sutton,

Please mark my support for the naming of the new school Dolores Feemster.

Thank you!

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Henry Sotelo, Esq.

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100 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

November 1, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

I had the pleasure of working and serving with Debbie Smith in the Nevada Legislature for many years. She was a champion of children, families and the public school system, in particular.

Naming a school after her not only honors her legacy of hard work toward education, but serves as a reminder to anyone who sees Debbie Smith High School that Washoe County had an amazing advocate who was a dedicated public servant.

It's my honor and pleasure to send this recommendation to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A.D. Ford".

AARON D. FORD  
Attorney General

jmr

OCTOBER 28, 2019

ALEX BYBEE

**Dear Washoe County School District School Naming Committee,**

I write this letter to express my support to name the new high school at Wildcreek in honor of the late Senator Debbie Smith.

As an alumni of The Coalition to Save Our Schools — the community campaign that advocated for passage of WC-1 — I have great respect for the vision, passion, and commitment that Senator Smith showed to ensure that question reached the ballot. Her spirit was ever present in all of the advocacy, organizing and fundraising so many leaders did to get WC-1 across the finish line. She is the reason we are here to deliberate this choice today.

The fifteen schools that are being built are a fitting swan song for a leader who dedicated their life's work to our children. I encourage the committee to preserve the legacy of a person whose memory serves as an exemplar of public service to all of us — and most importantly for the young people who will benefit from knowing her story.

Should you have any further questions regarding this letter of support, you may reach me at any time via the contact information below.

**Yours, in partnership,**



**Alex Bybee**

October 28, 2019

Dear Washoe County Naming Committee:

I am writing in support of naming your new high school for Debbie Smith. I do not currently live in Washoe County but I am very familiar with Debbie and her consistent push for improved educational opportunities for all of Nevada's children.

Having grown up in a rural area and raising her kids in Sparks, Debbie had a unique perspective on educational needs and the obstacles that impeded the ability to meet those needs. She understood not only buildings and maintenance but also curriculum and support programs. She worked tirelessly to inform her community on what she felt was necessary and finish the projects that were started. Debbie listened, researched and acted. She was honest and good and could work with all kinds of people and opinions.

I knew Debbie both personally and professionally. She was a loyal friend and a great resource and advocate for education. She got things done. She made a difference and is worthy of having a school named for her.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Johna Reeves  
Retired Teacher/Counselor  
Battle Mountain High School



October 28, 2019

Mr. Riley Sutton  
School Naming Committee  
Washoe County School District  
425 E. Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

**Robin Vos**  
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**Martha R. Wigton**  
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**Tim Storey**  
Executive Director

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is delighted to encourage the district to name a new Washoe County school after Debbie Smith. The Senator Debbie Smith High School would be a fitting tribute to her legacy of dedication to education, public service and the state of Nevada.

NCSL was incredibly fortunate to have Senator Smith as our president and leader. She was the first Nevada legislator to lead NCSL as president, elected by her legislative peers from around the country in 2014. NCSL is the association of all 50 U.S. state legislatures as well as the territories and the District of Columbia. NCSL is a steadfastly bipartisan organization serving the nation's 7,383 legislators and more than 30,000 legislative staff. Since 1975, NCSL has been the champion of state legislatures and the legislative institution. NCSL helps states remain strong and independent by giving legislators and staff the tools, information and resources they need to craft the best solutions to difficult problems.

While serving as NCSL's leader, Debbie promoted training programs for legislators and staff as one of her key initiatives. She was instrumental in helping NCSL initiate a series of workshops to strengthen the leadership of female lawmakers. Her commitment to bipartisanship and consensus-building in an increasingly polarized environment were reflected in her efforts to reach every lawmaker in every state and engage them with NCSL. Furthermore, she was a champion for federalism and actively guided work on behalf of the states in Washington, D.C.

Debbie had a particularly strong connection with the NCSL staff in Denver and Washington, D.C. She was as dedicated to the success of NCSL as she was to the many, many legislators and staff around the country who worked alongside her. We remember Debbie fondly and miss her very much.

We are grateful to have benefited from her strong organizational leadership and to have witnessed her personal commitment to her values, to her family and to legislative service. Future Washoe County students will be well-served to learn about her career and example of giving back to her community through service and public policy. On behalf of NCSL, thank you for considering the creation of Debbie Smith High School.

Sincerely,

Robin Vos  
Speaker of the Assembly, Wisconsin  
President, NCSL

Scott Saiki  
Speaker of the House, Hawaii  
President-Elect, NCSL

**PAT SPEARMAN, DBA**

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# State of Nevada

## Senate

### Seventy-Ninth Session

October 27, 2019

To Members of The School Naming Committee,

I was fortunate to serve with Senator Debbie Smith in the Nevada State Senate from 2012-2016. Her untimely death was devastating and left a difficult void in our legislative body, community, and our state. Debbie was a tireless advocate for children, teachers and improving Nevada's Public Education. Children suffering from respiratory challenges now have EpiPen's because Debbie worked to ensure we passed a law acknowledging the need to have them in schools. She also worked to get additional funding to build, renovate, or expand schools in Washoe County and several rural areas frequently overlooked during budget discussions. Debbie carried that passion through her tenure in Legislative leadership, state and national organizations, and eventually President of the National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL).

Senator Debbie Smith's selflessness, wisdom, and unflinching resolve to improve all aspects of our educational system is the paragon for all public servants. Her legacy is unparalleled now and for several eons in the future. I believe it is very important to name this school for someone who worked until her last breath to ensure children, parents, administrators, and educators had the tools and support system to achieve success. Future generations MUST know about Senator Debbie

Smith a dedicated, Mother, Wife, Friend, and Legislator. It was my great honor to serve with her and I am extremely honored to submit this letter of support to name the school in her honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Spearman", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Senator Pat Spearman, DBA  
Nevada State Senate District 1

JOYCE WOODHOUSE  
SENATOR  
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October 28, 2019

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Washoe County School District  
425 E. Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Dr. McNeill:

I am truly honored to write a letter of recommendation for a high school to be named after Nevada State Senator Debbie Smith. I have known and worked with Senator Smith from the time she served in the Nevada State Assembly and then in the Nevada State Senate. She was one of the most intelligent, articulate, accomplished, and professional women with whom I have ever associated.

While serving together, we worked on so many education policy and funding issues, as well as others that affected residents and businesses across the state of Nevada. Her work ethic, assistance, and professionalism were always at the forefront of her work. She was truly one of the Nevada Legislature's most outstanding members. I can assure you that other legislators, as well as myself, first looked to Senator Smith, when we needed advice or answers to issues facing our state. More importantly, Senator Smith was a role model for the students of Washoe County.

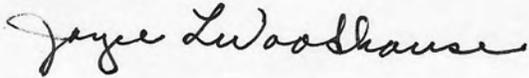
Nevada and education lost a wonderful and passionate friend with the passing of Senator Smith. She was a mentor to me during the 2013 legislative session, as she chaired the Senate Finance Committee, and I served as a member. It was my distinct and heartfelt honor to follow in her footsteps in that position. I do hope I made her proud with our work, after she left us.

In conclusion, I encourage you to consider naming a high school after Senator Debbie Smith. I know of no one who is more worthy of this honor, for all of the work she accomplished as a parent, community member, and Nevada State Assemblywoman and Senator.

If you have questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me at [joyce.woodhouse@sen.state.nv.us](mailto:joyce.woodhouse@sen.state.nv.us) or via telephone at 702-498-8302 (cell).

Senator Debbie Smith is truly a "jewel" and an inspirational individual. She relished challenges and finding new opportunities and experiences for students, parents, teachers, and administrators across Nevada. I believe a school named after her will be a fitting testament to her legacy. I am so honored to call her my friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Woodhouse". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joyce Woodhouse

[Referenced attachment is "Office of the Mayor, City of Reno, Nevada, Proclamation"]

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Mrs Feemster often fed my daughter along with other young people who wanted to hang out at her house. She was a shelter for kids who if had no where to go and would be on the streets.

With all due respect to all the other eminently qualified names before you, no one stands at Mrs. Feemster's level where Hug High is involved.

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**[Mrs Feemster was honored as our Legend Roast on March 2018. Please see the attached proclamation about her.](#)**

Your consideration is appreciated.

Gwen

Gwen Taylor  
[Redacted]  
Reno, NV 89503

**Office of The Mayor  
City of Reno, Nevada  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS,** Dolores worked for the Economic Opportunity Program, serving as Outreach Director, managing an award winning program for seniors and youth; and

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**WHEREAS,** in recognition of her community service, Dolores Feemster received numerous awards including: Mother of the Year from the Reno Business and Professional Women's Club, induction as Humanitarian into the Nevada Women's Fund Hall of Fame, Outstanding Achievement Award from the Reno/Sparks NAACP, and the President's Medal from the University of Nevada, Reno. In 1997 the Reno Housing Authority named a facility in her honor. The Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee honored her with the 2015 Humanitarian Award.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Hillary L. Schieve, Mayor of the City of Reno, Nevada, do hereby declare

Friday, March 9, 2018, as

**DOLORES FEEMSTER DAY**

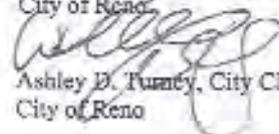
In and for the City of Reno, and encourage all of our citizens to join in recognizing the love and care she has shown to so many over the years.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the city of Reno, Nevada, to be affixed this ninth day of March, 2018.

  
Hillary L. Schieve, Mayor  
City of Reno

ATTEST:

  
Ashley D. Tunny, City Clerk  
City of Reno

[Email received from Vanessa Dixon, 11/1/2019]

To: [rsutton@washoeschools.net](mailto:rsutton@washoeschools.net) (Riley Sutton)

Subject: Support for Dolores Feemster school name  
Riley:

Please submit this to the school naming committee on my behalf.

DEAR COMMITTEE:

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"Who are you?" Mother Feemster would gently ask. The youth would often reply "I couldn't go home last night and a friend told me that it would be OK if I crashed here."

Then Dolores would fix breakfast and listen to what her new friend had to say.

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Sincerely,

Vanessa

[Email received from wbosz, 11/1/2019]

I support the current Hug High be named for Delores Feemster.

The Wildcreek can then be named Hug as it currently is.

[Email received from Terry Foster, 11/2/2019]

I would like to have Hug High School re-named DOLORES FEEMSTER HIGH SCHOOL. Thank you

Dear Member of the school board,

I am writing to express my support for naming the new High School at Wildcreek after former State Senator Debbie Smith. While in the State Assembly and Senate, Debbie was the driving force behind the sponsoring and passing of Brianna's Law, as well as the sponsored of multiple pieces of legislation to assist schools including the bill that led to the creation of the 2016 ballot question WC-1 which gave Washoe County School District the capital funding for the Wildcreek Project. However her connection to schools goes back much farther than that; Debbie was a member of the Lander County School Board, and was a past president of the Nevada State PTA.

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While all of these individuals a listed for consideration are deserving, and we don't want to diminish their accomplishments, without Debbie Smith we wouldn't be holding a meeting and naming a new school. Debbie's commitment to the education of current and future students as well as working men and women should not go unrecognized and her legacy should live on by honoring her with the naming of the new high school.

Regards,  
Carmelyn Malone  
[Redacted]  
Sun Valley, NV 89433

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Regards,  
Steven Penley  
[Redacted]  
Sparks, NV 89436

October 30, 2019

Washoe County School Naming Committee  
Washoe County School District  
425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
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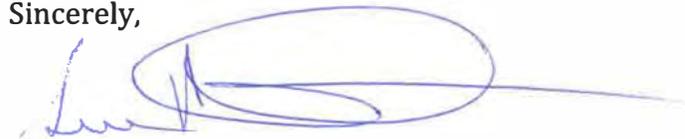
Dear Naming Committee Members:

It is my understanding that the Washoe County School Board is engaged in a school naming process for the new Washoe County High School at Wildcreek. I would respectfully request that the new Washoe County High School be named after Senator Debbie Smith.

As the Executive Director of the Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCEDSV) I had the privilege of working with Debbie Smith throughout her tenure in the Nevada State Legislature. While I was there as an advocate for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and worked with Debbie on those issues; I am also an advocate for the children that grow up in violent homes and saw Debbie's concern and compassion for all children. Debbie passed bills effecting children's health care, rights, mental health services, and juvenile justice and was always working to ensure that Washoe County Schools were represented in any funding or policy decisions.

I know that there are many individuals who are deserving of this honor, but believe that Debbie's compassion, caring and body of work is second to no one. I urge the committee to use this school naming process to honor Senator's Smith legacy and memory.

Sincerely,



Sue Meuschke  
Executive Director, NCEDSV

**BEN KIECKHEFER**

SENATOR

District No. 16



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## State of Nevada Senate

November 4, 2019

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Washoe County School District  
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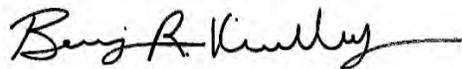
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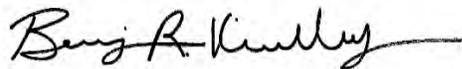
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Sara Sattler

October 26, 2019

Washoe County School District  
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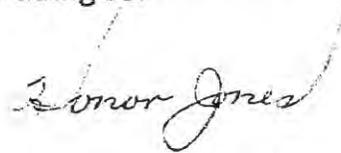
To: Tami Covington fax: 775-348-0304

From: Honor Jones phone: 775.826.0108

Email: [honorsj@aol.com](mailto:honorsj@aol.com)

Memo:

Last Thurs when I was in and handed you a packet for Dr. McNeill, you mentioned you would be happy to forward the attached memo to the School Board and the School Naming Committee. Thank you in advance for doing so.



November 5, 2019

**SENT VIA EMAIL TO:** Kathryn.Holland@washoeschools.net, ataylor@washoeschools.net, Malena.Raymond@washoeschools.net, jacqueline.calvert@washoeschools.net, EMinetto@washoeschools.net, SGKelley@washoeschools.net, andrew.caudill@washoeschools.net

Dear Trustees Holland, Taylor, Raymond, Calvert, Minetto, Kelley and Caudill,

My name is Len Savage. I am a fifth generation Nevadan. My family has been here since 1859. Legacy, tradition, and respect are at the foundation of building a strong community. Recognizing leaders who have contributed service for the betterment of the entire community establishes legacy, builds tradition, and gives respect. The practice of naming schools for community leaders acknowledges those who have made a difference. I believe this was the reason that Proctor R. Hug High School was named in honor of Proctor R. Hug, in 1968.

**I urge the school board to retain the name of Proctor R. Hug for the new high school.**

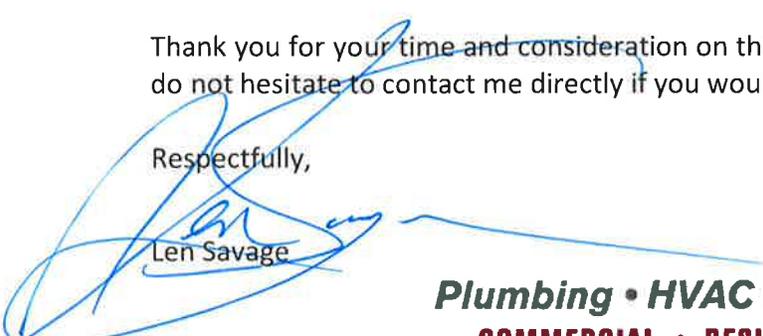
Mr. Hug dedicated his entire life to public education and the advancement of education in our schools. Mr. Hug was a man of integrity, compassion, and wisdom. His legacy, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, continue to live and work in our community. As a fifth generation Nevada family, they have raised their children in Washoe County, each proudly graduating from a public high school. Today's students and families need consistency, tradition, respect, and commitment more than ever. Respectfully, we feel there would be no better name to carry on the message for the school children here in Reno/Sparks.

Recently, Mr. Hug's son, The Honorable Proctor R. Hug II, passed away with dignity and grace. As a man of humility and optimism, he very much wanted to see the naming of the new high school remain Hug High School, as do his entire family and friends. Currently, there are three generations of the Hug Family that live, work, and participate in our greater community of Reno and Sparks. The great, great grandchildren will be attending school within the next couple of years here in Reno. As pillars of our community, The Hug name should be carried forward and remain in honor as a public High School.

As for the new Vocational/Trade School name, I submit for consideration, Deborah J. Smith. Debbie Smith's commitment and sacrifice to the advancement of skilled labor across trades exemplified her support and vision for vocational training. As a union contractor, Savage and Son, feels this existing school being converted to a trade school is vitally important to our community and the future of construction trades. It will be a fundamental beginning for many young students. The establishment of an education path that provides quality, state-of-the-art training in labor trades is a needed addition to the education options for the students in our county.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter of naming of schools. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,

  
Len Savage

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David Bobzien



November 5, 2019

School Naming Committee  
Washoe County School District  
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Reno, NV 89512

Delivered via e-mail to: Riley Sutton, RSutton@WashoeSchools.net

Dear Committee Members:

Please accept this letter in support for naming the future high school to be constructed at the Wild Creek site "Debbie Smith High School."

Like countless other members of the Northern Nevada community, to me Debbie was a valued colleague, impactful mentor and cherished friend. When I first campaigned to serve in the Nevada Assembly, Debbie was there behind me, providing guidance and encouragement along the way.

Serving with Debbie in the Assembly was one of the most rewarding aspects of my legislative career. For years into the future, I will hold fond memories of the work we shared to improve education policy and provide needed funding to Washoe schools, all to help educate the generations to come of our community's students.

I'm excited by the possibility of future students passing through the halls of a Debbie Smith High School, some inquiring as to the story of their school's namesake. I know there will be countless people like me ready to share their personal story of how Debbie touched our lives, and eager to pass along the inspiration she provided each of us to aspire to high achievement and to provide exemplary service to our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Bobzien".

David Bobzien

Dear Washoe County School District Naming Committee:

My name is Oscar Delgado, and I represent Ward 3 on the Reno City Council. I have had the honor of representing the Northeast Community, where Hug High School is located, for the last seven years. In addition to representing this community on the Council, I also grew up in Northeast Reno, and my wife, Sarita, and her two sisters are proud alumni of Glenn Duncan Elementary School, Traner Middle School, and Hug High School. I recognize how difficult the decision is before you, and I hope that my opinion on these matters will be viewed as a voice who has had countless conversations with community members, Hug graduates, current Hug students, Hug staff, and my own family, who are proud of their affiliation with Hug.

With regards to the naming of the new high school, I strongly believe that it should be named Procter R. Hug High School. I have had the privilege of being a part of the revitalization that has taken place in Northeast Reno over the past several years. The successes in this community are not a result of “rebranding,” but are a result of reclaiming the core principles of the people who call this area home. Pride, resiliency, hard work, determination, and family are responsible for the turnaround in these neighborhoods. While there are those who view the name “Hug” as having a negative connotation, there are many more people, people who actually live in Northeast Reno, who are proud of their connection to Hug High School and see the Hug name as a symbol of the very best parts of where they live. This community has seized the name “Hug” as a source of pride, and I believe naming the new high school anything other than Procter R. Hug High School would be a disservice to those who have invested so much in these neighborhoods.

As for the new career and technical education academy, I hope this committee will strongly consider naming it after Dolores Feemster. Ms. Feemster’s commitment to Northeast Reno cannot be questioned. She was a woman who cared deeply about young people and went out of her way to serve. She exemplified selflessness, compassion, strength, and a commitment to civil rights. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute than to name the new CTE school, which will be located on the grounds where Ms. Feemster helped students for 34 years, the Dolores Feemster Career and Technical Education Academy.

Thank you for your service on this committee and thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely,  
Oscar Delgado

Dear Riley Sutton:

I wanted to reach out to support the naming of "Senator Debbie Smith High School". Debbie Smith's first class public service should set an example and be remembered by for generations to come. Her hard work and dedication has made a significant impact for both students and community. Preserving her legacy by naming this high school after her would be fantastic!

Sincerely,

Jim Mosca

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

To whom it may concern:

It's an honor to lend my support toward the naming of Debbie Smith High School. Debbie Smith was my colleague for many years. Long before that, she was my role model, mentor and my dear friend. I knew her to be a champion of families, children and with that, public education. She spent her lifetime working to ensure Nevada's kids had a safe place to earn a great education. She represented her district with grace, humility and pride.

Having a school named after Debbie is a reminder to the WCSD community and the entire state that she was a tireless advocate for amazing schools, just like the one her name will be placed upon. I urge you to honor Debbie, and Washoe County, in this way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,  
Jason Frierson  
Speaker, Nevada State Assembly  
Assemblyman, District 8

*I authorize my statement for public record.*

My name's Emily Hernandez. I'm currently 19 years old and a Freshman at UNR, who's majoring in Electrical Engineering, with an emphasis in Renewable Energy. I couldn't make it today due to scheduling conflicts; regardless, I wanted to mention the influence and impact Dolores Feemster has had in my future career and life.

I've never been more encouraged and inspired by anyone, except by the members of the NAACP. Growing up as a first-generation, low-income Latina, I was incessantly disparaged for my goals and aspirations by adults and those older than me. During high school, my school registrar laughed in my face after telling her my goals of becoming valedictorian. Once officially titled as Valedictorian, I had my speech taken away by my school principal. All in all, people doubted me, my capability, and my intelligence. However, after these unfortunate incidents, the NAACP reached out to me and offered a helping hand. This organization has been the most compassionate, most loving, and supportive group of adults I've ever met. The immense amount of influence and passion is kindled by the legacy Dolores Feemster has left.

Believe it or not, it's difficult trying to find yourself and define your identity as a minority and teenager—society pushes you down into an abyss of failure and doubt. During these struggling times, minority students like me want the slightest glimpse of hope given by anyone. Dolores Feemster offered more support and courage than a student could anticipate. The same energy that fuels the NAACP is something that Dolores Feemster's presence continues to ignite. She'll continue to be the civil rights activist, counselor, and mother that's exemplary of genuine tenacity, persistence, love, and care. Her legacy will continue to be illuminated and recognized through the NAACP, her family, the community, and most hopefully, as a school named in her memory.

Thank you,

Emily Hernandez

**Public Statement for WCSD School Naming Committee, public meeting,  
10/02/19**

Cyndi Wong <[REDACTED]>

Wed 10/2/2019 9:12 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Washoe County School District Board,

Understanding that naming of district schools is before the Board this evening, I would like to make a resounding recommendation to name district school after Delores M. Feemster. As a 1976 graduate of Procter Hug High School I can personally attest that Mrs. Feemster was a positive female role model, professionally and personally. I can say that so many of the character assets that she displayed have impacted me even four decades later. She always had a smile on her face, never hesitated to listen to the cares and concerns of students and provide earnest counsel. She helped many students believe in their potential as they graduated and left Sutro Street in Reno. I often think of Mrs. Feemster, she left an important legacy to dream big and make those dreams a reality.

I authorize this e-mail to be entered as a Public record.

Cyndi Davies Wong MBA, RN  
1976 Graduate, Procter Hug High School

# MARILYN D STURDIVANT

10/2/2019

WSCD Naming Committee  
WSCD Administration Building  
425 East 9th Street Reno Nevada

**Dear WSCD Naming Committee:**

It is with much enthusiasm and that I recommend Ms. Dolores and Mr. Darryl K. Feemster Sr as candidates for the naming of New Washoe County Schools.

I grew up part of my life in Reno, Nevada and I had the privilege of meeting both Ms. Dolores & Mr. Darryl Feemster and myself and my family members went to school with their relatives. The Feemster family has always been welcoming, inviting, well respected pillars in the Washoe County Community. Ms. Dolores Feemster was involved in civil rights organizations grass root community organizations and was a beacon of light in the school district and continued this until she transitioned. I can still remember as a child, running to her home to visit my dear friend to play outside with her, and she was always welcomed me with a big smile, refined and a definition of what a true trailblazer represents.

I believe this would be an utmost honor to have a school named after two phenomenal people that would leave a legacy for their relatives, friends and the community of Washoe County. I also believe that the Community should have a fair representation of people of Color, who have placed a high regard on the value of education, by naming schools after them.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,



Marilyn D Sturdivant, LCSW  
Psychotherapist/Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Dear WCSD School Naming Committee,

I am in full support of naming the new school in honor of Dolores Feemster. I am sure you already know all of Mrs. Feemster's professional and organizational attributions to the community, so I wanted to share with you a few small examples of how she helped me personally. Mrs. Feemster was someone who was always there for me when I needed her. I knew I could count on her for advice, comfort, and help. When I attended Hug High School, she allowed me to work in the office for class credit and taught me basic office skills that I use today as an executive assistant. She also helped me find a paying internship in a professional office so I could continue learning new skills while also helping my family with finances. Mrs. Feemster set an example for the kind of person I wanted to be. I hope to someday work as a school administrator and help kids the way she helped me and thousands of others. I can think of no one more deserving of having a school named after them than Dolores Feemster. A true role model for every student to look up to.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the WCSD School Naming Committee meeting on November 6, 2019, but I hope that this letter can be presented on my behalf.

Sincerely,

Melody Byrd

██████████@gmail.com

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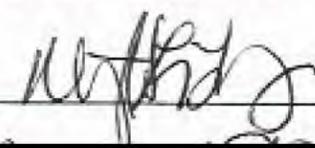
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Supporter's Name - Print: Margaret Langley

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: RAYMOND FOSTER Signature: 

Community Relationship: FRIEND

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Deidra Foster Signature: Deidra Foster  
Community Relationship: Friend / Old Student  
Supporter's Address for reference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Supporter's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporter's Name - Print: Mackenzie Mars Signature: Mackenzie Mars

Community Relationship: friend

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Deecee Smith Signature: [Handwritten Signature]  
Community Relationship: Live in neighborhood  
Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]  
Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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Community Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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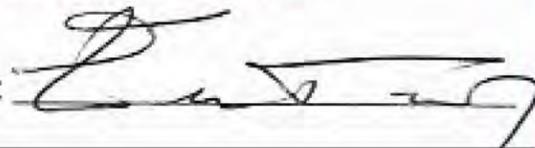
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Supporter's Name - Print: Eugene T. ... Signature: 

Community Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporter's Name - Print: Charles J. Hodge Signature: Charles J. Hodge

Community Relationship: Resident/Business Owner

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: JOE HILKS Signature: Joe B. Hilks II

Community Relationship: JOE HILKS

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporter's Name - Print: Joshua Devine

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: N/A

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Community Relationship: RENO RESIDENT

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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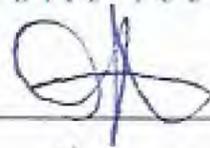
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Supporter's Name - Print: Jasmine Stater-Scott Signature:   
Community Relationship: Resident  
Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]  
Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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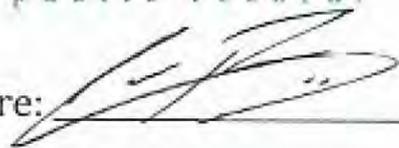
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Supporter's Name - Print: Jessie Brown

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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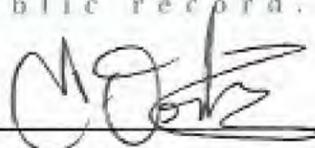
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Community Relationship: HUG ALUMNI  
Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]  
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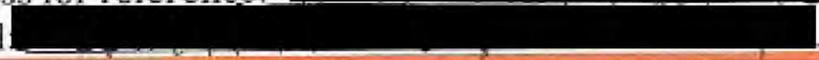
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Supporter's Name - Print: Sabrina Lane Signature: 

Community Relationship: Hug Alumni

Supporter's Address for reference: 

Supporter's E-mail: 

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Supporter's Name - Print: Adrian Smith Signature: Adrian Smith

Community Relationship: Barber ~~at~~ Hug Alumni

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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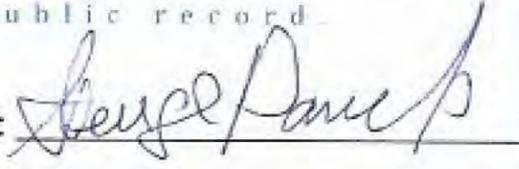
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Supporter's Name - Print: GEORGE DANIELS

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Grandmother

Supporter's Address for reference: \_\_\_\_\_

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Supporter's Name - Print: Robert Tolliver

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Community Relationship: RESIDENT

Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]

Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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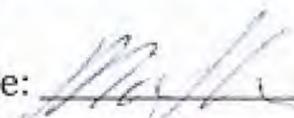
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Supporter's Name - Print: Stephen Nathan

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Jalilah Poveles Signature: [Signature]  
Community Relationship: Resident of adjacent WPK  
Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]  
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Supporter's Name - Print: Daisy Alcala

Signature: Daisy Alcala

Community Relationship: Resident

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Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Date Signed: 10-23-19

Supporter's Name - Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: N/A

Supporter's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Signed: 10-22-19

Supporter's Name - Print: William Grotz Signature: 

Community Relationship: Neighborhood Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Date Signed: 10/23/19  
Supporter's Name - Print: Armando Signature: [Signature]  
Community Relationship: Local Resident  
Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]  
Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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Date Signed: 10-23-2019

Supporter's Name - Print: Andrea Anderson-Knox Signature: Andrea Anderson

Community Relationship: Washoe county resident & Former Hugh High student

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Date Signed: Alicia Tapia 10.23.19  
Supporter's Name - Print: ALICIA TAPIA Signature: Alicia Tapia  
Community Relationship: CITIZEN RESIDENT  
Supporter's Address for reference: RENO NV 89502  
Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

End of Letter

[Email received 11/6/1029]

Dear Riley Sutton,

I am writing today in support of the naming of the new high school being built at Wildcreek after the late Debbie Smith. Debbie Smith was a local advocate and champion for education and was directly responsible for WC-1 being funded. As a local hero she is exactly the kind of person who should be honored by the Washoe County School District, someone who cared deeply for the mission of public education.

I so deeply hope that the esteemed committee will consider her nomination as her memory is very deserving of this honor.

Sincerely,

Paul Pangman

[Email received 11/6/1029]

I am in support of naming Dolores Feemster's name to either the new high school or the present Hug high school.

Thanks

Ambassador Victor Wowo Sr.

[Email received 11/6/2019]

I am writing to support renaming the high school after Debbie Smith. Her memory living on through the name of an educational institute perfect! Please consider this.

Thanks, so  
Richard Venezian

[Email received 11/6/2019]

To the members of the Washoe County School District Naming Committee,  
Thanks so much for the time and commitment you've dedicated in your capacity as the WCSD naming committee. I ask that you watch this very brief video before tonight's meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Julia Ratti

<https://vimeo.com/367915785>

What is your proposed school name?	Role in Education	Impact	Public Service	Historical Significance	Geographic Significance	Contributions
Albert Einstein Elementary School	Self Explanatory	Self Explanatory	Self Explanatory	Self Explanatory	Self Explanatory	Self Explanatory
Battle Born	That's what Nevada is known as, the battle born state.					
Battleborn elementary						
Black Platinum	No role	It sounds cool and kids will be proud of their school name	That don't	Platinum is expensive and black platinum is super shiny and dark gray	None	You would finally have a cool school name
Boarder Springs	Boarder Town/Cold Springs = Boarder Springs					
Bob Lisner Elementary School	Donated huge amounts of money to the district and individual schools. Volunteered thousands of hours at schools around the county. He is a champion for our community but never ask for anything in return. A true hero!	Bob, volunteered for more than ten years in title one schools an inspiration to teachers and students alike. I was a shop teacher a Vaughn Middle School for twelve years , Bob spent seven years working everyday several hours a day helping kids get a start in life.	Bob has served on multiple boards including the humane society , the food cabinet, habitat for humanity, just to name a few	Bob's company has built over 3000 homes in the greater Reno area and is still building.	Bob's company practically built Cold Springs , and is continuing to build affordable housing in Washoe County	Bob never talked about his gifts to WCSD but I know he donated in excess of 250,000.
Bob Lissner ES	Bob has helped and/or wholly funded numerous education and education support programs in WCSD schools, including supporting both classroom education with programs like Kinder Amigos, and supporting capital needs with contributions to the WC-1 effort and heavily-discounted land sales and construction work after passage.	Bob and his company have helped this community grow for years by building responsible, mostly small-footprint housing developments at price points accessible to middle and working class families.	Bob supports or has supported many non-profits over the years beyond the school district. His company has made over \$6 million in charitable donations over the last 30 years through their partnerships, including \$3.4 million directed toward children. Lifestyle Homes Foundation, which Bob's family founded and he sat on the board of, runs essentially a YMCA in Cold Springs. Bob is retired, and spends most of his time volunteering, like for eight years at Booth ES and Vaughn MS. He currently volunteers at Northern Nevada HOPES.	Bob has been a proud, contributing member of this community for more than 35 years.	The new school is on land that was sold to WCSD at a heavily discounted price by Bob and his company. It sits between areas that Bob's company has already developed and land he is about to develop. Bob has developed and is known for developing the Cold Springs community, and North Valleys in general.	Some additional detail beyond the previously-mentioned: The approximate value of Bob's donation for the land this school will sit on is around \$1 million. That includes work that Bob had his company do to prep the site for school construction while details were being worked out with the District. He did this prior to any signed commitment from the district or vote of the Board so that WCSD could move faster to get this badly-needed school open faster. Bob and his company made the very first campaign contribution to the WC-1 ballot question campaign committee. In order to "set the bar" for others so that the campaign would be well funded, they made a contribution of \$25,000. They were also the first to donate to the rebuild of Trainer Pool – again first in (pardon the pun) with a \$25,000 contribution.
Bob Lissner ES	Bob has been very impactful to WCSD, not just Cold Springs. He has taught middle school at risk students while also giving countless hours and donations for technology and early education. I'm sure there are many more efforts that Bob has put forth that I'm not aware of but many else are.	See #2	See #2	See #2	Cold Springs is in essence Bob Lissnerville as I believe he also donated the land for the school site.	See #2 and #7
Lissner Elementary School	The Lissner family donated the land for this school as well as the Cold Springs Middle School. The Lissner family has donated much needed equipment to schools in the past and they have been involved in several school programs.	The Lissner Family has provided gym equipment, computers, and more to schools in the area. They also volunteer in the school system to make sure kids from all backgrounds are getting the best education possible. They also provide a refund program for people who are looking to volunteer and need fingerprints done. By doing this, they are helping more people to be able to volunteer for the students.	The Lissner family is the owner of Lifestyle Homes. They are the builder of Woodland Village, the community that the new school will reside in. They are a family that believes in giving back to the community, mainly focusing on the schools. If you take a moment to walk into their office, you will see countless plaques showing their continuous support for schools in the area. Washoe County deemed May 16th, 2017 as Robert and Peter Lissner Day as recognitions for their contributions to the community.	Bob Lissner started Lifestyle Homes and his son Peter is now the main overseer of the operations. Peter's son Dustin is also learning about the business and will some day own the business himself. They have built several communities in Washoe County including the current one of Woodland Village which was started in 1999 and will be complete within a few years time. After the current community is completed the plan to move to Red Rock and build a beautiful agrifood community.	The Lissner Family has built several communities in Washoe County and they are the ones that donated the land that the new elementary school will sit on.	The Lissner family has donated land, playground equipment, computers, gym equipment, and more. They have also supported many of the sports programs in the area and volunteered countless hours to help ensure they are doing all they can to support the children in the area.
Robert Lissner E.S.	Bob has had and continues to make significant contributions not only to education but to the Cold Springs / North Valley's community. He is deserving of this not only for his financial contributions but for his true care and passion for the bettering of young minds. For all he does, he truly receives little to no credit and does not seek this out, but he is deserving of this.					
Cold Spring Elementary School	The name will signify that Cold Spring has it's own elementary school...	It will be an important decision making for a family who would like to purchase their homes in that area...			It is a pride and honor to Cold Spring community that elementary education is added and accessible, helping to mold young educators in attaining their dreams.	
Cold Spring Elementary School	Location	KISI!!!! Keep it Simple. Align with the middle school they will go to. The little kids can also be Cats, just a different Cat...				
Cold Springs Cougars	Animals more and more are going extinct. When need a bigger focus on conservation.					
Cold Springs Elementary					I feel it should be named after the area in which it will serve like the middle school	
Cold Springs Elementary	It's literally in cold springs	Cold springs				
Cold Springs Elementary						

Cold Springs Elementary					Just name it based on where it is. Naming schools after people is a ridiculous practice that I cannot stand and I wish you would STOP doing. It is NOT an honor to have a horrible school named after you.	
Cold Springs Elementary		It is the community name where the school will be built.			It is the community name where the school will be built.	
Cold Springs Elementary					the school is IN cold springs	
Cold Springs Elementary				Its the name of our community	Its in Cold Springs	
Cold Springs Elementary					Where the school is	
Cold Springs Elementary	Where we live	We should be proud of where we live		Where we live	Where we live	
Cold Springs elementary	It's the area	It keeps in line with cold springs middle	No	No	It is cold springs	
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Cold Springs Elementary	The community					
Cold Springs Elementary Coyotes	The only Elementary School out here right now is named after a person, Nancy Gomes. I feel like the new school should reflect the location of Cold Springs Valley. We have A LOT of coyotes out here in Cold Springs, so I think it would be very fitting and appropriate to have the mascot be a coyote as well.	We should show pride in our valley by having an elementary school reflecting the name.			Cold Springs is vastly becoming a very populated and dense valley that is home to thousands of people! We are having a bigger say in city and county and school boards decisions due to this, and should have an elementary school that reflects the name of our beloved valley.	
Cold Springs Elementary School	It's the name of the valley the school is being built in	it matches with the nearby middle school	N/A	N/A	Cold Springs is the name of the valley we live in and where the school is being built.	N/A
Cold Springs Elementary School	location	location of the new school			Name of location of new school	
Cold Springs Elementary School						
Cold Springs Elementary School	N/A					
Cold Springs Elementary School	It's the name of the Valley the school is being built in. (Cold Springs Valley)	Our middle school is named Cold Springs Middle School. Why not have Cold Springs Elementary.				
cold springs elementary tigers						
Cold Springs Freeze	I have worked for the Washoe County school district for almost twenty two years. I spent twenty years in the Transportation department as a classroom, and school bus instructor. I am now working on my second year at North Valleys High as a Campus Supervisor.	For twenty years I personally transported children to, and from school whith having zero accidents. During those years I coached youth football and youth softball. I submitted the name Cold Springs Freeze simply because that area is usually very cold, and it has not been used I already by another school.	I've coached youth sports for approximately twenty five years, and I belong to a historical preservation society preserving Nevada's past.	Cold Springs is always the coldest area of Reno, and Sparks.	Cold Springs was given it's name due to the elevation and how the surrounding mountains form the perfect environment to trap colder weather.	I have spent several years recruiting children for youth sports, and holding fund raisers for the families that can not afford the registration fees. I am currently working on a clothing drive for one of our North Valley students, and have had several clothing drives for other students in the past.
Cold springs Grammar School						
Cold Springs Valley Elementary School		Cold Springs is a fantastic little community that takes care of one another.			Cold Springs Valley is a beautiful little community tucked away in North Valleys. When they say "it takes a village to raise children," Cold Springs excels in this area.	
Coral springs						
Coyote Elementary						
Coyote Fields						
Coyote Ridge Elementary					Well... There is an annoyance if coyotes in cold springs so it feels fitting	
Crystal Peak	Teacher/Parent	Crystal Peak				
Daniel Boone Halcomb III Elementary School	Daniel Boone Halcomb III was an English teacher and journalism adviser at Reno High School. As a teacher he was unusually invested in the future of his students, often staying after school for hours to ensure that struggling students got the extra help they needed. As a Journalism adviser, he inspired his students to pursue the truth and journalism excellence. Under his leadership, the Reno High newspaper The Red and Blue eventually won the highest award available to high school newspapers, the Pacemaker. He was so dedicated to his students that he taught while he battled cancer for four years, only retiring a few months before his passing.	Dan Halcomb imbued countless students with an appreciation of literature, journalism, photography and writing. Some of his former students still work in journalism in this area, including David Calvert, a photographer at the RGI. Hundreds of his students attended his service when he passed away in 2007, and a journalism scholarship was established in his name by Reno High School.	Dan volunteered for years as both yearbook and newspaper adviser, and part-time ski coach, at Reno High School. He founded and co-chaired the Stadium 2000 project that upgraded the football stadium with an all-weather track, new bleachers and new score board. He founded the Reno Ski and Recreation club in 1979, which was originally called the Reno Fagowees. He founded and was a chairman of the UNR Ski Swap and founded the Sierra League ski race organization. He initiated and co-chaired the installation of the brass "Giant Slalom" sculpture of a ski racer that sits in the lobby of the Reno Tahoe International Airport.	Besides the significance his name has in local journalism education and local ski culture, the name "Daniel Boone Halcomb" was passed down for three generations because of an actual relation to the famous American pioneer, Daniel Boone. This is documented thoroughly at a family-run genealogy website.	While Dan's family were not original Nevada settlers and the name Halcomb has no ancient historical significance in the region, all of his children grew up to become public servants and work in local government in Northern Nevada.	As mentioned above, Dan founded and co-chaired the Stadium 2000 project that upgraded the Reno High School football stadium with an all-weather track, new bleachers and new score board. After his passing a journalism scholarship was established in his name by Reno High School.
Dolores Feemster	Was a counselor at Hug for 34 years	She loved and nurtured and helped the kids, like an elementary school.				
Donald J Trump	One of the greatest president of all time	Made America great again	Made America great	Completely made Obama irrelevant	The entire country	Lowest unemployment since the 60's. Record high stock markets, brought jobs back to America. Made the world respect America again
Donald J Trump elementary	He already has a university but it would be awesome for him to have an elementary school named after him... He is the best president ever in history					
Donald Trump	Teaching our children to not be afraid of what other people think of them	Keeps our country free...	The president of the United States	Best president ever so far.	If it wasn't for home we may not be able to live here	Cut our over burdening taxes

Dry Lake or White Lake	The Cold Springs valley is home to a sometimes a dry lake and other times one who appears to be white.	A sense of identity				
Feemster						
Freedom Hill		It is the nickname of the large hill facing the site that is endeared to the residents with an American flag and a light for nighttime. It is very special to the locals.				
Freedom Hill	Because cold springs created a hill with the American flag to show support for our country Sac d soldiers past, present and future.	No impact	None	Nine	None	None
George Hardaway Elementary	George was a teacher at Hug for years and years and then at Wooster for years. I never even had him as a teacher but he left a lasting impression on me as a coach and a personality. I still see him in the gym often, doing his routine and staying lean into his 70s (I think).	He has been a teacher to probably a thousand students by now, each with their own story of his style, legacy, and impact.	He probably has been, I just don't know the details.	Total historical bada**	Person	Just call or write him and ask him these questions. He will know all the details of his life.
Granite Hills Elementary	Granite Hills are the name of the surrounding hills. It can provide students with the opportunity to learn about the geology and topography of their local terrain. Granite Hills is literally the foundation of the school cites and grounds their education.	Naming the school after the local hills provides a connection to the community. The hills are a focal point of the valley and can represent resilience, persistence, and growth of the valley.			The granite hills surround cold springs valley. Providing a significant habitat within Washoe county. The students see the beauty in the hills everyday as they come to and from school. It can promote a spirit of pride in nature's beauty and promote conservation and preservation of one Nevada's many treasured landscapes.	
Heinz Ranch Elementary	Heinz Ranch educated our youth during the 1800's when it was used as a community schoolhouse	It educated our youth during the 1800's when it was used as a community schoolhouse, the original Ranch was torn down and parts relocated to make way for the influx of people moving to the area. Children who will be living on the land the Ranch once stood.	It was used as a community schoolhouse; and it housed the area's only post office in the early 1900's	Heinz Ranch has played an integral role in the infrastructure, economic and educational development of the Truckee Meadows. The ranch served weary travelers when it was a stagecoach stop between Reno and Susanville, California; it educated our youth during the 1800's when it was used as a community schoolhouse; and it housed the area's only post office in the early 1900's	The ranch served weary travelers when it was a stagecoach stop between Reno and Susanville, California; it educated our youth during the 1800's when it was used as a community schoolhouse; and it housed the area's only post office in the early 1900's	
Heinz Ranch Elementary	N/a	After the Ranch that has been here before Cold Springs	Na	The Ranch was here before Nevada was a state. It deserves to be remembered	The Ranch was here before Nevada was a state. It deserves to be remembered	NA
Hillside Elementary	I nominate the name Hillside Elementary because it's going to be by a hillside.	None.	None.	None.	We have a lot of hills.	None.
Jim Pfrommer	Jim has given his time, passion and financial resources to our district in a variety of facets. From AVID to the Education Alliance he was a champion of our schools. This is a way to honor all his contributions.	From pre K to higher education his impact is felt throughout. He advocated for our youth and underprivileged on a state wide level.	He was on multiple boards across our community, NV Arts Museum, Community Ed, Housing project, Reno Rotarians to name a few.			
Joe Crowley	This gentleman has been paremount education if Northern Nevada and truly deserve the recognition at an Elemetarys Schol level beside Univeristy alocaades					
Joe Meabe	20 years as principal. He may have even been the principal for our current Washoe County Sheriff. I remember Joe Meabe as being six foot ten, and being intimidating or compassionate depending on the need is the situation.	Oh, just about 1800 students and 50+ educators.				
Joe Meabe	He was the principal of Lena Juniper from 1965 (when LJ opened) until 1987 when he retired.	He was always a positive and encouraging mentor and leader for the children and always available to work quandary address parent's concerns.				
Joe Meabe Elementary School	Joe Meabe was the principal of Lena Juniper Elementary School from 1965 to 1987. Prior to being a Principal he was a teacher in the district at Northside Junior High School. Joe Meabe was my Principal for my entire time at Lena Juniper (K-6). He was such a kind and caring leader for his students, always empathetic and understanding instead of harsh and judging. He never forgot an old student of his and would be happy to say hi and chat when students ran into him out in the world. He has truly been an inspiration to me as I move through my teaching career and I often think fondly of this years at Lena Juniper. Mr. Meabe passed away on 2016. He was dear to many students and created an amazing learning environment during his 22 years at Lena Juniper. It would be wonderful to recognize him with a school named after him.	Answered in #2				

Landsberry Elementary			Mr Landsberry sacrificed his life to protect children. It is my feeling that he be remembered for his sacrifices to his country, for his military service, and his ultimate sacrifice for the school and community that he served.			
Landsberry Elementary School	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.	In honor of Nevada Air Guard Veteran and Washoe county school teacher Michael Landsberry who died protecting children during a school shooting in 2013.
Leanne Mathis	Leanne and her husband poured every penny they had to their name to purchase the property, build and create Cold Springs Child Care Center, the preschool directly next door to Nancy Gomes Elementary. It was Leanne's dream to create the family atmosphere that exists there, and she has brought so many kids out of their shell and made nervous parents feel at ease in a place that feels like another home to the kids.					
Lincoln Elementary	Abraham Lincoln			For what he did for freedom	Great man.	
Lomas Altas Elemantry school	It means high hills cold springs to me always looked like a hill			High hills because cold springs is on a hill	Because Nevada is about the mountains, the adventures you can go on hikes on high hills	
M. Sharon Tueller Elementary school	She was an amazing and gifted teacher for home-economics going above and beyond the call of duty as a teacher until physical illness forced her to retire. She is still an amazing woman and example to others of charity, love and kindness. She taught for many years at O'Brien Middle School.	She taught her students the importance of healthy cooking, how to sew, balance a checkbook, budget and self care. She treated even the most challenging students with love and respect. She was an amazing example of what to be and strive for as an upcoming adult.	She was a social worker involved in child adoptions and care before going into full time teaching once her own children were old enough. She and her husband adopted 4 children of various ages, each with their own special needs and challenges. Actively involved in her church and community until her physical health took away her ability to move about freely.	The Tueller family has been a part of the Reno/Sparks area for decades. Paul and Sharon have been involved in the Rodeo Associations activities and charities for at least 40 years. She is a member of the female pilots association, The 99's, volunteering at the air races for many years as well. Her husband, Paul is still actively involved in the air races and rodeo association while caring for Sharon's health and needs. They are both amazing people.	None	Previously answered. She taught for Washoe county school district until the earthy 2000's.
Martha Wood Elementary	She was born and raised here in the North Valleys of Reno. She has taught 1st and 2nd grade here in Washoe County for the last 15 years.	She has taught hundreds of children and has been a huge source of strength campaigning for children to get the help and placement they need.	She has volunteered hundreds of hours of service both in the school district and in her church. She has served as one of the cooks at week long girls camp well over a dozen times.	Wood is Martha's maiden name and the name she was first known by when she started her career in the district. Her family immigrated to the new world aboard the Mayflower. Her family was among the first to colonize the colonies now known as the United States of America. Her family has fought in every war since the Revolutionary War.	Thanks to a grant that helped teachers purchase homes in 2017, she was able to purchase a home in Cold Springs where she lives with her husband and four sons.	Martha has always put the needs of children she taught first. With a master's degree and 15 years in the district, she could easily move out of the classroom and into administration. But her desire and perceived mission, is to serve and teach the children of Washoe County.
Mike Inskeep	Mike Inskeep was a teacher at Cold Prings Middle School that passed away. As a teacher he helped and inspired many students.					
Mike Inskeep	Mr. Inskeep was a teacher at Cold Springs middle school and sadly passed away from a complication of surgery. He inspired so many students to do their best while being themselves.	Mr. Inskeep was loved by all of his students, always made a connection with them all and would go out of his way to make them smile. He is greatly missed out here in cold Springs, so I think this would be such a great way to honor his memory. He was one of the teachers that has inspired my daughter to go to school to be a teacher.	He was a teacher during the day and then spent after school coaching and helping out with other sports here in Cold Springs.		Mr. Mike Inskeep was a teacher at Comd Springs Middle School and a long time teacher in Washoe County.	Being a teacher and coach contributed to CSMS students education.
Mike Inskeep Elementary	Mike was a middle school teacher at both O'Brien and Cold Springs Middle, when he died. He was a fantastic teacher and all around good guy. All the students loved him, and were devastated when he died at a young age. He was very involved in our community, prior to becoming a teacher.	See #2	Mike was involved in the American youth soccer organization (AYSO) for many years with both of his children.	N/A	N/A	He was an exceptional teacher, who loved children. He lived in the North Valleys, his children went to school in the North Valleys, and he loved the North Valleys.
Michael Inskeep	Mr. Inskeep was a teacher of mine when I was younger who helped mold me and helped me pass my class.	There was hardly a student who did not like him at north valleys				
Michael Inskeep	Extremely influential teacher at Cold Springs Middle School who died recently					
Michael Inskeep Elementary	He was an incredible teacher and community member that made a huge impact on many students and co workers.	Mr. Inskeep was my oldest daughters teacher for 2 years and she learned so much from him especially about the holocaust. He was also a co worker of mine and a wonderful person to work with. Humorous, active and intelligent are words that aptly describe him.	He was a volunteer firefighter among other things. He helped on Cold Springs Middle School's code blue (medical emergency) team for his many years here. His calm and strong demeanor helped the student and staff feel safe.	Mr. Inskeep unfortunately passed away after a routine knee surgery.	He was a teacher at Cold Springs Middle School for many years, also a volunteer firefighter and raised his children in the North Valleys.	His contributions were the many historical educational opportunities her provided for his students. He organized presentations with holocaust survivors. I significance of that is immeasurable.

Michael Inskeep Elementary School	Mr Inskeep was a teacher at Cold Springs Middle School that tragically passed away. Mr Inskeep was also a basketball coach for several years.	I am nominating him because he had such a huge impact for my son. Our first day of 7th grade he smiled brightly and told me he was my sons teacher. He asked Kaden is he light history and Kaden told him that he was really interested in studying WW1. From there, a true kinship was formed. He always recommended books for him to read, and thoroughly developed a love of all history because of him. He encouraged Kaden to try for the basketball team and helped him learn the rules. When he made the team he was so excited! Mr Inskeep always emailed me to let me know when Kaden would be home because he didn't have a phone and he didn't want me to worry. I've never seen a kid get A's in history like he did, write long essays and develop such a deep understanding for the subject until Mr Inskeep came along. He truly was an amazing teacher.	I don't know everything he has done, but I do know many that do. He was amazing, just ask our community.	N/A	He was a teacher in Cold Springs	Amazing dedicated teacher!! Best educational impact ever!!
Inskeep						
Inskeep	He was my sons PE teacher at CSMS. He passes away after knee surgery right before Christmas. He was loved by many.	He was a mentor to a lot of kids.	He was loved by many and a mentor to a lot of kids.	He was a FANTASTIC teacher and coach.	He was a teacher at CSMS	He was one of the best teachers WCSD had.
Inskeep Elementary	Teacher and Coach at Cold Springs Middle School for years	Impacted students and athletes during his time as an educator immensely.				
Inskeep Elementary	Mike Inskeep was an asset of an educator in the Cold Springs Community. Our children are better people because he made a difference in thier lives and he is truly missed in our school and community.	This would be a way to pay tribute to a local Cold Springs Educator who is dearly missed within our local community.	Mike Inskeep went above and beyond not only to educate our children, but to help them to become outstanding people.			
Michael Landsberry	This instructor protected students from a shooter at Sparks middle school. He was also a member of the National Guard. It is time we recognize his name and honor his family by naming a school after him. He is a hero.	Michael Landsberry proected students from an active shooter and lost his life in the process.	As mentioned above.	As mentioned above.	As mentioned above.	His contribution to the Washoe County School was district included his own life.
Michael Landsberry	He gave his life protecting students of Washoe County.	He was a dedicated employee to wcsd				
Michael Landsberry	He tried to stop a school shooter in 2013.	His bravery.				
Michael Landsberry	Saved lives during school shooting. I think that says it all.	Saved lives.	Saved lives	Saved lives	Saved lives	Once again, nothing more needs to be said. Contributed his life for his students. That's the ultimate contribution.
Michael Landsberry	Gave his life for students.	Role model in his death and life.	Military, supported children, confidant			
Michael Landsberry	Michael Landsberry taught at Sparks Middle School with some of our most needy students. He died at the hands of a student who he approached in an effort to remove the threat and help the child.	The community should recognize and celebrate the life of a teacher who literally gave his all to the children of Washoe County.				
Michael Landsberry						
Michael Landsberry	Mike was a teacher at Sparks middle. He put himself in the line of fire to protect students and staff and ended up giving his life. Mr. Landsberry is hero.	He saved numerous lives.	Mike was a Marine and Air National Guardsman and served a combat tour in Afghanistan.			
Michael Landsberry	Michael Landsberry gave his life protecting his students when there was a shooting at Sparks Middle school. He was a member of Nevada Air National Guard and an amazing example to kids everywhere. I will suggest his name every time until he has a school named after him.	Michael Landsberry gave his life protecting his students when there was a shooting at Sparks Middle school. He was a member of Nevada Air National Guard and an amazing example to kids everywhere. I will suggest his name every time until he has a school named after him.	He was in the Nevada Air National Guard anybody willing to serve and risk their life is worth recognizing.	Michael Landsberry gave his life protecting his students when there was a shooting at Sparks Middle school. He was a member of Nevada Air National Guard and an amazing example to kids everywhere. I will suggest his name every time until he has a school named after him.	It was a wash or county school that he died in and saved a child's life	
Michael Landsberry	Amazing teacher served his country and gave his life to protect his students	Have the ultimate sacrifice to protect his students	US marine corp and Nevada air national guard	He gave his life for students		
Michael Landsberry Elementary school	Michael Landsberry gave his life to protect his students during the shooting at Sparks middle school		Micheal Landsberry was a Nevada Air National Guardsman who exemplified everything our students should strive to be.			He gave his life for his students nothing else needs to be said
Michael Terrence Landsberry	He was a lifelong mentor to at risk youth and gave his life trying to protect kids.	He dedicated his life to Reno area youth.	Helped youth in poor areas.	10/21/2013 date of school shooting and his last day on earth.	He taught for various institutions in the area	He gave everyone he encountered hope.
Michelle Collins	Administrator at O'Brien	She was a strong advocate for the north valley's middle school students when there was one middle school in the area.				
North Springs Elementary School					It is located in the North Valleys and Cold Springs Valley	
Peavin Elementary school	A mountain view.	The great out doors.	Great views and out door activities.	Peavin mountain has always been significant in the region.	The mountain in between Coldspring and Reno.	The name I suggest is not of a person but a place that is always beautiful for a walk or hike near our community.
Peavine Elementary	The school is located right next to the Peavine mountain range.	Location location location!!			Peavine is near the location of the school.	
Petersen Elementary					The school is being built at the base of Petersen Mountain range.	

Petersen Elementary		Petersen Mountain, located just north of Cold Springs, is an ecologically rich area, providing critical habitat for a variety of wildlife including mule deer, golden eagles and antelope. It is also a significant geological site containing impressive quartz deposits.				
Phil McKraken Red Rock Elementary School		it is the geographic name of the area in which the school is located...				
Richard Fitzenwell Roberta Duvall Elementary School	Long-time principal in the Cold Springs area					
Sadie Hurst Elementary	She was the first woman elected to Nevada State Legislature. As the only woman in legislation she presented the Federal Suffrage Act, for state ratification.	She is an exemplar and pioneer in the state of Nevada. She demonstrates leadership, community, and equality for all.	She was involved with bring the women the right to vote.	She was the first woman elected as a Nevada State legislators in 1919. She was the only woman to serve that term. She was involved with the women's suffrage movement and strived to give women equal rights.		
Sagebrush Elementary School or White Lake Elementary School.	-Sagebrush is Nevada's state flower. -White Lake is not a typical water lake, that resides in the Cold Springs area.	-Sagebrush is located everywhere in our homeland of Reno Nevada. -White Lake can not be missed when you visit or pass by Cold Springs. It's a rare and interesting land area to look at, since there is no other one like it near any other area.			White Lake is a rare and interesting land area to look at when visiting Cold Springs.	
Sierra Nevada Elementary School	The beauty of our mountains and land.	Inspiration.		Geography	The mountain range we see daily.	
Sierra View	Location of the school is at the base of the Sierra Nevada mountains	The Sierra Nevada mountains run along the border of Nevada where Cold Springs is located. It defines Cold Springs.			The Sierra Nevada mountains run along the Nevada border. This forms the western border of Cold Springs.	
Silver peak	In honor to Nevada's mining past			Silver peak is still a living ghost town	Cold springs was a mining area at one time	It may be a good name
Summerhill	Mr summerhill is a great teacher at Coldsprings middle school I have had 5 children in his classes and he made sure They achieved all their goals he is a great teacher	He's been a teacher out of Coldsprings for numerous years he also lives out here he is just a wonderful example of what a teacher should be				
Thomas Brown	Tom Brown is a former principal at Galena HS from 2006 to 2019. He started working at Galena HS in 1992 as a math teacher. He help to contribute student to achieve to higher education and led to rise to graduation to 90 percent or higher.	He led Galena HS to rise to have 90 percent graduation rate and contribute students, parents, and community to have better school environment.	He was the WCSD principal of the year.			
Trevino elementary	Chief of school police	Keeps kids safe				
White Lake		It is the beloved "lake" that was a dry lake seasonally until the massive Winter of 2016/2017. Everyone takes pictures of the lake and it's surroundings and the wildlife that reside and visit there.				
White Lake					White lake is located in cold springs	
White Lake	Bug lake in Coldspring					
White Lake		White lake of cold springs			White lake in cold springs	
White Lake Elementary	It is a beautiful part of our community.	The first thing you see coming over the hill, provides beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Beauty all year round.			It is the first impression people get coming into our beautiful community.	
White Lake Elementary	Cold Springs is built around White Lake. It's the first and last landmark you see when entering/leaving Cold Springs	Cold Springs is built around White Lake. It's the first and last landmark you see when entering/leaving Cold Springs	NA	Heinz Ranch	It's what keeps the valley from flooding. There's little, of any, water that's lost to the neighboring basins with only a small amount of underflow	NA
White Lake Elementary	White Lake, is in the dry lake in the Cold Springs area not far from the school	White Lake is a landmark to the area		It is a significant landmark to the area		Landmark
White Lake Elementary	Its our main lake seen off of 395	It is what we are known for		See 3		
White Lake Elementary	This lake has given many the opportunity to learn about its structure being that it is said to have a clay bed or that it is an alkali lake or that it is a sinkhole. It would be nice to find more information and learn about the features of this lake we live next to in Cold Springs.	This lake when full of water does not have the blue water appeal, but muddy brown andtan muck. However it will impact our community when full as our utility companies can install wells that could provide clean water to many homes for many years.	This lake provides a public service to those that live around it especially when completely dried out. People can drive out onto the lake and take part in many activities such remote control racing or a landing spot for gliders.	The internet did not come up with much information regarding the history of the name of this lake. I imagine it was named White Lake because when dried out it looks white, no vegetation except around the edges, just dried dirt which out here in our desert looks white. Another idea is that of winter when it snows, maybe the name cam from seeing a large area so white with snow.	The Cold Springs community lives on the edges of this lake, we must drive around it to get to and from anywhere. No matter which exit you prefer to get to Cold Springs from Northbound 580, you will drive around half of this lake to get there. You will drive around it to get to the new school too.	If everything works out, this lake will contribute to our local water supply through our local utility company.
White Lake Elementary	This lake has been dry for much of the last 20 years, but due to the very wet winter we had 3 years ago, the lake has since filled with water. even when dry, the soil is a very light color, almost white many times. It has been instrumental in looking at changes in ecology and water cycles.	This is a symbol of our valley.			There are many lakes in Nevada and although this isn't the largest, it is the last one you see as you exit the state into California.	

White Lake elementary	White lake in near the future school	People will identify with white lake being in cold springs area and will know that elementary belongs to cold springs.				
White Lake Elementary		It would be named after the lake in the area of the school				
White Lake Elementary						
White Lake Elementary School	White Lake is cold springs dry lake that isn't so dry the last few years. It is a prehistoric lake bed that's been a part of cold springs before the community has been built around it. It's part of the history of the geography in Nevada.	White Lake shows us the constant changes and challenges of Nevada climate. It helps us appreciate the natural beauty of a dry lake bed or the beauty when it's filled with water. It makes our community special and unique when you see the snow peak mountains reflecting in the water of White Lake.		White Lake was once part of lake lahontan which helped shape much of our region.	White lake is very significant to cold Springs valley because it is the first thing you see when you take the cold springs exit and it reminds us of cold Springs past present and future.	
White Lake Elementary School	White Lake is the centerpiece of and a distinguishing feature of the Cold Springs area.	As above, White Lake is a distinguishing feature of the Cold Springs area. Naming schools after people is great, however, even as an educator in the district, I don't know the significance of the people schools are named after in this district.			White Lake is a defining feature of the Cold Springs Valley.	
White Lake Elementary School	This name would signify the geographical location of the school, clearly defining locality.	Not only does this name signify the geographical location, but it also gives recognition to the area by using one of the most iconic landmarks in the Cold Springs Valley.	N/A	Landmarking and area significance.	White Lake is an important and significant Cold Springs landmark.	There are so many significant PEOPLE who contribute greatly to the Washoe County School District mission, how can you name them all or just pick ONE? Use a geographical landmark that is significant to this area!
Wild Coyote Elementary						
Woodland Elementary					Since the school is being build behind woodland village, Woodland Elementary fits nicely, and easy to say	
Woodland Elementary	Sounds nice and it is in Woodland Village	School is located in Woodland Village Estates.			It has a direct link to the community.	
Woodland ES	The school is located in Woodland Village community					
Woodland Village		It is the HOA name of the surrounding homes				
	Cold Springs Elementary School					