



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

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 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 October 2, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting (For Possible Action)
- 2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend to the Board of Trustees up to Three (3) Semi-Finalist Name Submissions for the new high school at Wildcreek and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus from among the following pairs, where the proposed name for the campus at Wildcreek is listed first and the proposed name for the CTE at Hug is listed second: Battle Born/Procter Hug, Feemster/Procter Hug, Debbie Smith/Procter Hug, Procter Hug/Paul Dugan, Procter Hug/Michael Landsberry, Procter Hug/Battle Born, Dolores Feemster/Procter Hug, Procter Hug/Feemster, Procter Hug/Debbie Smith, Procter Hug/Sessions Wheeler (For Possible Action)

- 2.04 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 (For Possible Action)

### 3. CLOSING ITEMS

- 3.01 Announcement of Next Regular Meeting – To Be Determined
- 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

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business: The School Naming Committee conducts the business of the Washoe County School District during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

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WCSD Central Administrative Building  
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Washoe County Courthouse  
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Reno Sparks Indian Colony Administrative Office



## **Washoe County School District School Naming Committee Meeting Minutes**

October 2, 2019

### **1. Opening Items**

#### **1.01 Call to Order**

The meeting of the School Naming Committee was called to order at 5:32 p.m. in the WCSD Central Administration Building, 425 E. Ninth Street, Board Room, Reno, Nevada.

#### **1.02 Roll Call**

Committee Members Victor Sherbondy, Lisa Loader, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Clynye Cook, Christiana Frank, Frank Perez, Scott Benton and Alejandro Mejia were all present. Alyson Castro was absent. Staff Liaison Riley Sutton was also present.

#### **1.03 Public Comment**

Ellen Minetto, WCSD Trustee, spoke to thank the committee members for what they do.

### **2. Items for Discussion, Presentation and/or Action**

#### **2.01 Action to Adopt the Agenda**

Motion from Victor Sherbondy, second by Carly Lott to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **2.02 Introduction of Committee Members**

The School Naming Committee has four new members for the 2019-20 committee year. Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia introduced themselves to the committee.

The other members on the committee then introduced themselves as well.

**2.03 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Chair for a term ending June 30, 2020 from the current membership: Scott Benton, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez, Renee Martin, Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia.**

Staff Liaison Riley Sutton asked that WCSD Policy Coordinator Lisa Scurry lead the group through the process. Lisa Scurry followed up with a few specifics regarding committee chair nominations.

Clyyne Cook, the current vice-chair, asked the committee members if anyone had a nomination for committee chair.

Frank Perez nominated Clyyne Cook for chair. Frank Perez commented that, with several years of experience and having gone through this process with 3-5 different schools already, Clyyne Cook deserves the vote of chair.

No public comment was made.

Motion by Frank Perez, second by Scott Benton to elect Clyyne Cook. Motion carried unanimously. Clyyne Cook assumed the role of chair.

**2.04 Discussion and Possible Action to Select a Committee Vice-Chair for a term ending June 30, 2020 from the current membership: Scott Benton, Victor Sherbondy, Carly Lott, Alyson Castro, Clyyne Cook, Frank Perez, Renee Martin, Lisa Loader, Marianne Coduti, Christiana Frank, and Alejandro Mejia.**

Chair Cook asked the committee members if anyone had any specific committee vice-chair nominations.

Marianne Coduti expressed an interest in being vice chair.

Motion by Carly Lott to elect Marianne Coduti to be the committee vice-chair, second by Scott Benton. The committee voted and the motion carried unanimously. Marianne Coduti was elected as the new committee vice-chair effective immediately.

**2.05 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting**

Motion by Carly Lott, second by Victor Sherbondy to approve the meeting minutes from the March 6, 2019 School Naming Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.



## **2.06 Presentation and Discussion of the Washoe County School District's Plans for New School Construction and Other Capital Projects**

Mr. Sutton informed the committee of the upcoming naming projects that they will be working on: the naming of the new high school in the Wildcreek area, the possible renaming of the current Hug High School campus, and an elementary school in Cold Springs.

## **2.07 Discussion and Possible Action to create a list of names that will be considered automatic semi-finalists for future schools from the unused finalists for previous schools: Arrowcreek, Ann Carlson, Debbie Smith, Sessions Wheeler, Michael Landsberry, and Sun Valley**

Mr. Sutton discussed how in the past, three finalist names would be submitted to the Board of Trustees for vote – the two names not selected from that list would automatically roll over for future consideration. As a directive from the WCSD Board of Trustees, the regulation has since changed and the School Naming Committee members will now be responsible creating and curating a permanent rollover list of semi-finalists.

Mr. Sutton also stated that Ann Carlson had requested in writing that her name not be considered for any of the school names that will be voted on this Fall.

Scott Benton sought clarification that if the committee chooses to remove a name from the list tonight that the name can be added again to a future list. Mr. Sutton confirmed that this would be permitted.

Carly Lott suggested that this be an agenda item in all future meetings.

Frank Perez suggested that Arrowcreek, Ann Carlson, and Sun Valley be taken off the list for this round.

Motion by Scott Benton, second by Frank Perez, that the School Naming Committee select the following names of past finalists to be considered for automatic semi-finalists for future schools: Debbie Smith, Sessions Wheeler and Michael Landsberry. Motion passed unanimously.

## **2.07 Public Comment**

Julia Ratti spoke in favor of Debbie Smith for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

**2.08 Discussion and Possible Action on Community Name Submissions for the New High School in the Wildcreek area and the future Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus at the existing Hug High School campus, the committee members' individual ranking of those submissions, and the creation of a semi-finalist list of no more than 10 names for each campus based on the individual rankings of the committee members to be considered at a future meeting for recommendation to the Board of Trustees**

Mr. Sutton explained to the committee how the process of naming a school takes place.

Mr. Sutton stated that the goal for the meeting was to create a short list of no more than 10 semi-finalists, where each option would have a name for each school, taken from the community input submissions. At the next meeting on November 6, the committee would narrow the semi-finalist list down to three finalists for transmission to the Board of Trustees. The Board is tentatively scheduled to pick the final names at its meeting on November 12.

Mr. Sutton explained that the committee would listen to public comments and engage in conversation to discuss each committee member's top choices. The members would then rank the group's consensus picks based on the criteria provided and lastly total the rankings (point totals are non-binding) before moving forward with a motion and second.

**2.08 Public Comment**

Julia Ratti spoke in support of Debbie Smith for the new high school in the Wildcreek area.

Kenneth Dalton spoke in support of Dolores and/or Darryl Feemster for either the new high school or the CTE campus.

Bill Henderson spoke in support of Sessions Wheeler for the new high school.

Adrienne Feemster spoke in support of Dolores Feemster and/or Darryl Feemster for either the new high school at Wildcreek or the CTE campus.

Name not provided - spoke in support of the Feemster family.

**2.08 Continued**

Committee members each individually gave their suggestions for semi-finalist names, based on personal preference and public comment. Committee members took a 15-minute break then gave their individual score totals (from scores in each of the

individual categories) for each of these top names. Mr. Sutton totaled those complete committee scores.

Mr. Sutton confirmed that once this semi-finalist list is voted on, the list will go back out to the community for vote in this paired fashion.

Motion by Scott Benton to move forward with the top 10 selections from the list.  
Second by Victor Sherbondy.

More committee discussion took place regarding the top 10 as determined by the total ranking sheet.

Scott Benton tried to amend the original motion but did not receive a second, so the committee then voted to move forward with the top ten (refer to name scoring document at the end of minutes). **Vote failed 5 to 5 (Yea: Victor Sherbondy, Lisa Loader, Clyyne Cook, Christiana Frank and Scott Benton. Nay: Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Alejandro Mejia and Frank Perez).**

Motion by Carly Lott to move forward with names from the top 11 picks, minus #2 (refer to name scoring document at the end of minutes) second by Renee Martin. **Vote passed 6 to 4 (Yea: Lisa Loader, Carly Lott, Marianne Coduti, Renee Martin, Alejandro Mejia, and Frank Perez. Nay: Victor Sherbondy, Clyyne Cook, Christiana Frank and Scott Benton).**

**Motion by Carly Lott to create a semi-finalist list for the name of the new high school in the Wildcreek area as well as for the new CTE Campus consisting of the following names combinations respectively: Hug/Feemster, Hug/Debbie Smith, Debbie Smith/Hug, Hug/Sessions Wheeler, Dolores Feemster/Hug, Hug/Landsberry, Hug/Battleborn, Feemster/Hug, Battleborn/Hug and Hug/Paul Dugan. Motion carried unanimously.**

### 3. Closing Items

**3.01 Announcement of Next Meeting:** November 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the WCSD Administration Building, 425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Board Room, Reno Nevada.

#### 3.02 Public Comment

Julia Ratti spoke on the actual process of this particular school naming, being that the two campuses are being named simultaneously and fears confusion amongst the community with the process.

### **3.03 Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business, Chair Clyyne Cook adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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Name Submission (Wildcreek/Hug)	Perez	Lott	Martin	Frank	Benton	Cook	Mejia	Sherbondy	Loader	Coduti	Total	Motion Benton, 2nd Sherbondy	Motion Lott, 2nd Martin
Hug/Feemster	30	30	30	30	29	24	28		25	30	30	286 x	x
Hug/Dolores Feemster	30	30	28	24	26	26	30		25	30	30	279 x	
Hug/Debbie Smith	25	30	21	24	30	30	27		26	30	30	273 x	x
Debbie Smith/Hug	15	18	12	30	30	29	19		19	25	30	227 x	x
Hug/Sessions Wheeler	15	30	29	25	22	20	23		12	23	22	221 x	x
Dolores Feemster/Hug	28	18	16	24	27	18	25		12	27	24	219 x	x
Hug/Landsberry	30	30	27	18	22	16	22		12	17	19	213 x	x
Hug/Battle Born	24	18	17	27	20	18	25		23	25	12	209 x	x
Feemster/Hug	23	18	10	30	29	12	25		18	24	18	207 x	x
Battle born/Hug	20	18	12	27	27	12	27		18	22	10	193 x	x
Hug/Paul Dugan	13	30	18	25	20	16	23		12	23	10	190 fail 5-5	x
Wildcreek/Hug	30	18	12	18	20	8	23		9	21	19	178	passes 6-4
Debbie Smith/Dolores Feemster	15	6	6	6	27	18	25		12	19	18	152	
Sandoval/Debbie Smith	23	6	6	6	25	18	21		6	22	15	148	
Debbie Smith / Feemster Tech	13	6	6	6	25	12	20		13	18	18	137	
Debbie Smith/S. Wheeler	13	6	6	6	26	18	17		9	16	18	135	
Wildcreek/Landsberry	15	6	6	6	24	8	19		6	17	22	129	
Landsberry/Feemster	17	6	6	6	19	12	22		6	18	17	129	
Landsberry/Smith	18	6	6	6	23	12	16		9	18	15	129	
E Mount/Northeast Tech Academy	23	6	6	6	22	13	14		8	19	9	126	
Gabica/Feemster Tech Academy	13	6	6	6	18	10	21		6	17	13	116	
Landsberry/Wildcreek	15	6	6	6	23	8	8		6	17	10	105	

### Wildcreek / Hug Semifinalist Survey Results: Top Ranking

The following three tables note the number of surveys that ranked each option as 1st choice through 10th choice. The tables are sorted by the name that received the most 1st place rankings.

All Respondents										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	740	271	342	278	297	270	206	189	160	163
Battle Born / Procter Hug	587	353	312	253	227	214	313	205	216	236
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	369	240	257	226	224	235	239	358	366	402
Procter Hug / Battle Born	322	583	354	360	282	240	190	144	221	220
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	279	136	159	257	215	269	336	377	402	486
Feemster / Procter Hug	201	452	273	231	205	225	243	332	404	350
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	127	221	246	377	384	370	339	344	237	271
Procter Hug / Feemster	114	195	525	329	331	350	294	334	258	186
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	94	152	240	343	382	355	405	332	260	353
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	83	313	208	262	369	388	351	301	392	249

All Students – Hug Zone										
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Battle Born	72	48	23	22	19	17	13	6	12	25
Battle Born / Procter Hug	64	35	16	12	16	13	44	15	21	21
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	26	26	24	27	31	39	21	18	28	17
Procter Hug / Feemster	22	14	36	27	29	41	33	16	25	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	18	14	16	28	11	16	25	48	39	42
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	18	18	29	33	45	29	23	29	17	16
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	13	28	36	19	34	31	22	26	23	25
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	8	29	26	47	29	31	31	15	17	24
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	8	14	23	23	28	22	21	34	38	46
Feemster / Procter Hug	8	27	29	18	17	18	24	50	37	29

6 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students – Hug Zone										
All	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
Procter Hug / Battle Born	40	19	12	6	12	6	10	5	5	12
Battle Born / Procter Hug	32	16	7	7	7	6	20	8	12	12
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	13	11	10	13	10	5	8	15	24	18
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	11	8	10	19	9	25	13	9	13	10
Procter Hug / Feemster	8	9	22	13	14	17	17	5	17	5
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	7	22	12	6	16	17	13	10	14	10
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	4	8	15	29	13	19	12	9	7	11
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	4	6	8	13	17	7	10	18	9	35
Feemster / Procter Hug	4	14	18	11	8	9	14	28	14	7
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	4	14	13	13	25	15	10	17	10	6



### Wildcreek / Hug Semifinalist Survey Results: Other Rankings

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ranking: All Surveys	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	583
Feemster / Procter Hug	452
Battle Born / Procter Hug	353
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	313
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	271
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	240
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	221
Procter Hug / Feemster	195
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	152
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	136

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Ranking: All Surveys	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	354
Feemster / Procter Hug	273
Battle Born / Procter Hug	312
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	208
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	342
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	257
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	246
Procter Hug / Feemster	525
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	240
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	159

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ranking: All Students	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	48
Battle Born / Procter Hug	35
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	29
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	28
Feemster / Procter Hug	27
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	26
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	18
Procter Hug / Feemster	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	14
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	14

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Ranking: All Students	
Procter Hug / Battle Born	23
Battle Born / Procter Hug	16
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	26
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	36
Feemster / Procter Hug	29
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	24
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	29
Procter Hug / Feemster	36
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	16
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	23

2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Ranking: 6th-9th Grades	
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	22
Procter Hug / Battle Born	19
Battle Born / Procter Hug	16
Feemster / Procter Hug	14
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	14
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	11
Procter Hug / Feemster	9
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	8
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	8
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	6

3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Ranking: 6th-9th Grades	
Procter Hug / Debbie Smith	12
Procter Hug / Battle Born	12
Battle Born / Procter Hug	7
Feemster / Procter Hug	18
Procter Hug / Paul Dugan	13
Debbie Smith / Procter Hug	10
Procter Hug / Feemster	22
Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry	10
Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler	15
Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug	8





Washoe County  
School District

# Every Child, By Name and Face, To Graduation



## Wildcreek/Hug Finalists Selection

School Naming  
Committee

11/6/19





# Picking Names: New High Schools

Goal Today: Pick Finalists

- Reminder: why two-part
- 3 finalist options maximum
- From semi-finalists
- Transmit to Board
- Board decision 11/12





# Picking Finalists

In Agenda Packet:

- Community Survey Results
- Letters submitted to Committee
- Next step: Narrowing





# Survey Results

Two Surveys: 1) General Public 2) Hug Zone

- Total response: 2,916
- Student responses: 257
- Overall top choice: Hug / Landsberry
- Student top choice: Procter Hug / Battle Born
- 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Graders' Top: Procter Hug / Battle Born





# Survey Results Discussion

## Other Survey Considerations

- Landsberry Name: still too soon?
- Students differed from general public
- 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Graders differed from all students
- Letters: qualitative, not quantitative



# Narrowing Steps

- Public Comment
- Committee Discussion
- Give points
  - 3 points: top pick
  - 2 points: second choice
  - 1 point: third choice
- Motion, vote

	A	B	C	D
1	Name Option	Sherbondy	Loader	Lott
2	Procter Hug / Battle Born			
3	Feemster / Procter Hug			
4	Battle Born / Procter Hug			
5	Procter Hug / Debbie Smith			
6	Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry			
7	Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug			
8	Procter Hug / Paul Dugan			
9	Procter Hug / Feemster			
10	Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler			
11	Debbie Smith / Procter Hug			



# Some Considerations

- Points are “non-binding” helpful guides
- Board of Trustees has final say, but listens





# Time to Pick

- Committee Discussion
- Give points
  - 3 points: top pick
  - 2 points: second choice
  - 1 point: third choice
- Motion, vote

	A	B	C	D
1	Name Option	Sherbondy	Loader	Lott
2	Procter Hug / Battle Born			
3	Feemster / Procter Hug			
4	Battle Born / Procter Hug			
5	Procter Hug / Debbie Smith			
6	Procter Hug / Michael Landsberry			
7	Dolores Feemster / Procter Hug			
8	Procter Hug / Paul Dugan			
9	Procter Hug / Feemster			
10	Procter Hug / Sessions Wheeler			
11	Debbie Smith / Procter Hug			



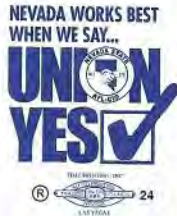


# Building and Construction Trades Council of Northern Nevada

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Representing      October 29, 2019

Asbestos Workers      Washoe County School District  
425 East Ninth ST  
Boilermakers      Reno, NV 89512

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  
Floor Coverers      dedication to support education that the School District is able to fund not only  
Glaziers      this School but many other new schools and the maintenance to existing schools  
in the District.

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

Plasterers      While I agree that there are numerous people who have committed much if not all  
Plumbers      of their lives to education it is my belief that when it comes to the ability of  
Sheet Metal Workers      Washoe County School District to build and maintain schools there is no one who  
Sprinkler Fitters      was as dedicated as Senator Smith. It is for that reason that I urge the School  
Teamsters      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  
School after her.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Paul McKenzie  
Secretary Treasurer



MOISES "MO" DENIS

SENATOR

District No. 2

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

COMMITTEES:

**Chairman**

Education

**Member**

Finance

Growth and Infrastructure



## State of Nevada Senate

**Eightieth Session**

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To Whom It May Concern,

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, appearing to read 'Yuko', located below the 'Sincerely,' text.

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 Washoe 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

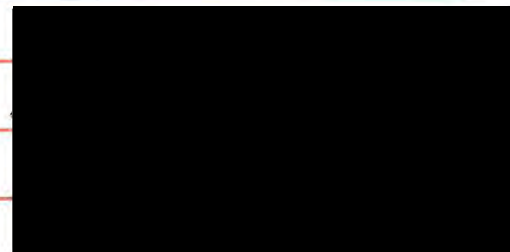
Chelsea Capurro

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.

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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 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.

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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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Reno, Nevada 89521

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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**  
**f: 775-359-3485**

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.

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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

DARYL E. DRAKE



October 16, 2019

Katy Simon Holland, President  
Washoe County School District Board of Trustees  
425 E Ninth St  
Reno, NV 89512

RE: Name recommendation for new high school at Wildcreek

Dear President Holland,

I respectfully submit through you to the Board of Trustees and by copy to the members of the School Naming Committee my strong support for retaining the name of former WCSD Superintendent Procter R. Hug for the new high school to be constructed on the Wildcreek site.

It is my understanding the existing Hug High School may be closed or re-purposed for a Career & Technical Education (CTE) facility once the new high school is opened. It is, therefore, my feeling that the legacy of the distinguished career of Procter Hug be carried to the new institution.

After beginning his career as an educator and athletic coach at Sparks High School in 1927, Procter Hug rose with distinction through various education positions until being selected as WCSD Superintendent from 1959-66. Upon his retirement in 1966 and his election to the Nevada State Senate, his name was affixed in 1968 to the new high school as a fitting recognition of his education service and leadership.

With all due respect I recommend to the School Naming Committee and to your Board of Trustees, continuing the legacy of this true gentleman and public servant at our District's new high school.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Daryl Drake".

Daryl Drake

cc: Members, WCSD School Naming Committee  
Riley Sutton, WCSD Capital Projects ✓

I Support Debbie Smith  
for The New High School.

Louise Smith

**ROBERT A. WINKEL**

[Redacted]

RENO, NEVADA 89519

October 22, 2019

Via Email and Regular Mail

Washoe County School District

Board of Trustees

Mr. Scott Kelley (Email [SGKelley@washoeschools.net](mailto:SGKelley@washoeschools.net))

Ms. Ellen Minetto (Email [EMinetto@washoeschools.net](mailto:EMinetto@washoeschools.net))

Mr. Andrew Caudill (Email [andrew.caudill@washoeschools.net](mailto:andrew.caudill@washoeschools.net))

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P. O. Box 34025

Reno, NV 89520-3425

Re: Moving of Procter R. Hug High School to new Wildcreek Facility

Dear Trustees Kelly, Minetto, Caudill, Raymond, Taylor, Calver, and Holland:

My name is Rob Winkel. I am a lifelong resident of northern Nevada and am writing regarding the new high school facility being constructed at Wildcreek, where Procter Hug High School is moving. I urge you to retain the name "Procter Hug High School" for the new Wildcreek high school facility.

When the District Board of Trustees named our newest high school after Procter R. Hug, Sr. in 1968, it did so in recognition of and respect for the many selfless contributions made by Mr. Hug, Sr. to the State of Nevada, our northern Nevada community, and, most importantly, the children of northern Nevada. Mr. Hug, Sr. spent nearly his entire life in Nevada, as a student, teacher, coach, school administrator, and state legislator. After growing up in Tonopah, Mr. Hug, Sr. attended the University of Nevada in the 1920's, where he attained fame as "Bunny" Hug, the football (with "Rabbit" Bradshaw), basketball, and track star and coach. After graduating from the University, Mr. Hug Sr. turned to coaching and teaching at Sparks High School, later becoming principal of Sparks High, Superintendent of Sparks District Schools, and Assistant Superintendent of Washoe County Schools.

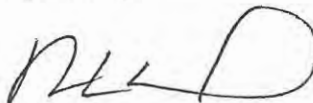
In 1966, Mr. Hug, Sr. determined to make an even bigger impact improving our State's education, so he ran for, and was elected to, the Nevada State Senate. During his legislative tenure, Senator Hug worked tirelessly and successfully for educational improvements. He was responsible for many constructive policies and processes in place today, including the year-round school calendar and our State's professional practices act governing educators.

In summary, Mr. Hug, Sr. dedicated his entire life to public service, educating, mentoring, and leading the Nevada children who needed it the most. As a coach, teacher, and principal he was always concerned to bring along the troubled, disadvantaged student. Countless students have told Mr. Hug, Sr.'s family and friends over the years how Mr. Hug, Sr. helped them and changed their lives. Mr. Hug, Sr. took great pride in Hug High School, attending all the athletic events, graduations, and assemblies. He and his wife always appreciated the wonderful treatment afforded them by the student body and faculty at Hug High. Procter Hug, Sr. was a man of honor, integrity, wit and wisdom.

The District on-line survey includes the names of several fine individuals more than worthy of the honor of a school namesake. As our community continues to grow, new District schools will be built and the Trustees will have the opportunity to carefully consider the appropriate names for these facilities when they come on line. Just as "Reno High School" moved in 1912 and again in 1951 and retained the name "Reno High School", when "Procter Hug High School" moves to the new Wildcreek facility, its name should remain "Procter Hug High School." The 1968 Washoe County School District Board of Trustees made an excellent decision; please respect that decision and continue Procter Hug, Sr.'s legacy for the next 50 years as well.

Thank you for your service and for considering my views.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Winkel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rob Winkel

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 Bilbrey

[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]

**From:** Paul Dugan [[redacted](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 14, 2019 5:51 PM  
**To:** BoardMembers <[BoardMembers@washoeschools.net](mailto:BoardMembers@washoeschools.net)>  
**Subject:** Technical High School Naming

Dear Board Members,

Certainly, I was flattered and appreciative of having my name submitted for consideration in the naming of the new Technical High School at the current site of Hug High. While I never knew Proctor Hug, I am sure there were a variety of good reasons for the naming of Hug High School. I would like to offer my input in naming the new Technical High School, Hug Technical High School. The site of Hug High has always been associated with Proctor Hug and I believe it should continue to be so.

Again I appreciate being considered and also appreciate the sometimes thankless positions you are in.

Sincerely,

Paul Dugan  
Former WCSD Superintendent



[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

**PROCTER R. HUG, JR.**  
**Chief Judge Emeritus**  
**United States Courts For The Ninth Circuit**

October 11, 2019

Hand Deliver  
Washoe County School District  
Board of Trustees  
425 East Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

RE: Naming of High School at Wildcreek

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees:

I wanted to send you a brief note regarding the potential renaming of Procter R. Hug High School. I am hoping the Board retains the name of my father on the new high school. My father was always grateful and flattered to have a Hug High School named in his honor. It has been a source of pride for me as well, to see my wonderful father recognized for his contributions to the education of students in Washoe County.

It was a special thing to grow-up as a namesake of Procter Hug and to know that everyone with whom he encountered liked and respected him. Some are recognized for fame and fortune, but my father left his mark in the many ways he touched people. As a coach, teacher, and principal he was always concerned to bring along the troubled, disadvantaged student. Countless students have told me over the years how he helped them and changed their lives.

After serving as a teacher, coach, vice-principal, principal, assistant superintendent and eventually superintendent my father finally retired from the school district and ran for the Nevada State Senate. When first elected, he spent \$250 and beat a multi-millionaire. My father always loved the underdog.

My father was honored when the Board decided to name Hug High School for him. He and my mother always enjoyed the experience of being associated with Hug High. They took great pride in the school, attending all the athletic events, graduations, and assemblies. They always appreciated the wonderful treatment afforded them by the student body and faculty at Hug High. I hope the Board decides to retain my father's name on the high school. He was a man of honor, integrity, wit and wisdom.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Procter R. Hug, Jr.

[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.

-----Original Message-----

From: Theadora Champagne <[Redacted]>

Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2019 5:07 PM

To: WCSD\_Communications <[WCSD\\_Communications@washoeschools.net](mailto:WCSD_Communications@washoeschools.net)>

Subject: School Naming

Every single person I've spoken to about the new schools have unanimously agreed that the new school at Wild Creek should be named for the geographical area where it is being built. It should be named Wild Creek.

Also, the school that will replace Hug H S on the original site should be named Proctor Hug.

Sent from my iPad

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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STATE OF NEVADA  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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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President, NCSL

**Martha R. Wigton**  
Director  
House Budget & Research  
Office  
Georgia  
Staff Chair, NCSL

**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**

SENATOR

District No. 1

Majority Co-Whip

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Health and Human Services

***Member***

Growth, Infrastructure, and Energy



**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.

ITEM 2.03  
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Email: Pat.Spearman@sen.state.nv.us  
[www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Spearman", written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Senator Pat Spearman, DBA  
Nevada State Senate District 1

JOYCE WOODHOUSE

SENATOR

District No. 5



ITEM 2.03  
~~LEADING~~ 11/10/2019

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## State of Nevada Senate

October 28, 2019

Dr. Kristin McNeill  
Interim Superintendent  
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.

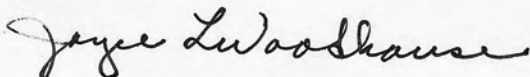
Nevada and education lost a wonderful and passionate friend with the passing of Senator Smith. She was a mentor to me during the 2013 legislative session, as she chaired the Senate Finance Committee, and I served as a member. It was my distinct and heartfelt honor to follow in her footsteps in that position. 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 dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Joyce Woodhouse



October 22, 2019

To: Interim School Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeill  
Washoe County Board of Trustees, Katy Simons-Holland Chair  
Washoe County School Naming Committee

From: Honor Jones

I have followed the process regarding selecting names for the new high school at Wildcreek as well as for Hug High School and offer the following comments. I attempted to respond to the Reno Gazette Journal article but there was no vehicle in place to accept a comment.

A precedent has been set following a ruling that states newly constructed Washoe County high schools built in recognized geographical or geological areas are to bear the area's name. Although I understand this was modified recently, Wildcreek established in 1978 as a Sparks neighborhood park, still qualifies as a well-known geographical area. Surrounding businesses including the Wildcreek Business Park, medical practices, apartment complexes and housing developments have adopted the name Wildcreek. The creek that runs through the property off the Orr ditch is Wildcreek, a century old geographical landmark shown on topo maps.

Additionally, Washoe County Park By-Laws state parks are not to be renamed. Therefore, if the name selection follows policy, the area would remain as Wildcreek and the new high school that is located in Wildcreek (Park) should be appropriately named Wildcreek High School.

I understand the passion for naming a school after a person who has dedicated his/her career to education or is recognized for what he/she has accomplished for the betterment of education in our community. This is totally appropriate and is a long-standing tradition for new elementary and middle schools. However, the School Board of Trustees should adhere to the naming process and in this case Park By-Laws when selecting the name for the new high school. The new high school should be named Wildcreek High School.

By-Laws also state that once a high school is named, the name cannot be changed. This would be applicable to Hug High School. Since the school will take on a new curriculum focus, it still can be appropriately coupled with the Hug name. Hug CTE Academy.

There are many reasons supporting keeping the name Wildcreek that include regional support, inter school involvement and name recognition. I strongly urge the School Naming Committee and the School Board of Trustees to finalize the name Wildcreek High School.

*Honor Jones is a life-long Nevadan, University of Nevada graduate, former Reno High and adult education teacher, business owner and former Reno Park and Recreation Commissioner. She has served on non-profit boards and currently works with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Most importantly, she is a concerned citizen who cares about her community.*

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

Dear School Board:

Dolores Feemster served this community for nine decades, much more than half of that at Hug High School.

Her decades-long tenure did not end when she retired. When Hug administrators confronted an especially thorny problem or a troubled student, their reaction was very often "call Dolores."

Her little house down Sutro Street from the school became a community center for northeast Reno. Her door was seldom locked. My daughter went to her home often for fellowship and counsel. As a young African growing up in Reno Mrs. Feemster know just what to say to little Africa American girl who did not feel pretty enough or worthy enough to apply for different positions at school. Mrs Feemstr told the girls they could do anything that wants to, The main thing was to stay in school and get good grades.

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.

You may reward the example of her lifetime of service by re-naming Hug in her honor while transferring Procter Hug's name to the new location.

When Mrs. Feemster died last year, only the Reno-Sparks Convention Center had the capacity for her memorial service. About 2,000 attended, including former Hug and NFL star JoJo Townsell, who led the many Hug alumni present in the Hug Fight Song in Mrs. Feemster's honor. That continuity deserves respect.

**[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

**WHEREAS,** Dolores served as Community Service Coordinator for nearly 34 years at Hug High School and had a positive influence in the lives of hundreds of students who grew to know and love her; she also strived to reduce racial discrimination and increase diversity and cultural training for teachers; and

**WHEREAS,** Dolores has spent countless hours doing civil rights work as a Committee Chair, Officer and Executive Committee member for the Reno/Sparks Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). She currently serves on the Community Services Agency Board. Past community commitments include: Executive Board of North Nevada Black Cultural Awareness Society (NNBCAS), Board of Washoe Legal Service, and also participated in political activity with the Democratic Party of Washoe County; and

**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

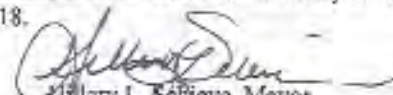
Friday, March 9, 2018, as

**DOLORES FEEMSTER DAY**

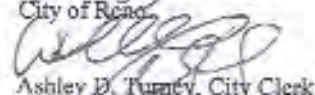
In and for the City of Reno, and encourage all of our citizens to join in recognizing the love and care she has shown to so many over the years.



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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Her little house down Sutro Street from the school became a community center for northeast Reno. Her door was seldom locked.

She told me that on occasion, she would wake in the morning to find somebody's kid curled up on a sofa or in a corner.

"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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Your consideration is appreciated.

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.

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,  
Carmelyn Malone  
[Redacted]  
Sun Valley, NV 89433

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Regards,  
Steven Penley  
[Redacted]  
Sparks, NV 89436

Dear Board of Trustees,

This is Tristan J. Landsberry. I am a student in the Washoe County School District. I write to you on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October. I am the nephew of Michael Landsberry, the former teacher that was slain at Sparks middle School, who died on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October almost six years ago to this day. I understand that many names are in consideration for the name of the new Wildcreek High School, but I would like to ask the Board to consider my Uncles name a little more due to what he did almost six years ago to this day. My uncle gave his life in the defense of his students. He did what seldom others would ever even consider doing. He was a hero. A man of honor and represents the best of the Reno-Sparks area.

I hope that I don't put too much pressure on the board by asking that you consider his name a little more. It is just my family and I wish that he gets recognized and honored for his actions at Sparks middle school in 2013.

I Thank you all for reading this and for at least considering his name.

Sincerely,  
Tristan Landsberry

October 30, 2019

Washoe County School Naming Committee  
Washoe County School District  
425 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reno, Nevada 89512

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

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## State of Nevada Senate

November 4, 2019

Mr. Riley Sutton  
School Naming Committee  
Washoe County School District  
425 E. Ninth Street  
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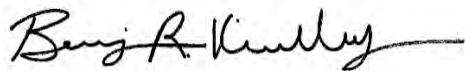
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Ben Kieckhefer  
Senator  
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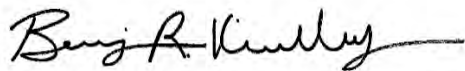
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October 26, 2019

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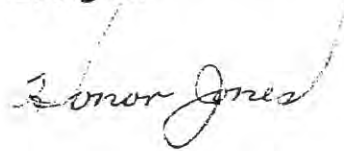
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Washoe County School District  
OCT 28 2019  
Superintendent's Office

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.



October 22, 2019

To: Interim School Superintendent Dr. Kristen McNeill  
Washoe County Board of Trustees, Katy Simons-Holland Chair  
Washoe County School Naming Committee

From: Honor Jones

I have followed the process regarding selecting names for the new high school at Wildcreek as well as for Hug High School and offer the following comments. I attempted to respond to the Reno Gazette Journal article but there was no vehicle in place to accept a comment.

A precedent has been set following a ruling that states newly constructed Washoe County high schools built in recognized geographical or geological areas are to bear the area's name. Although I understand this was modified recently, Wildcreek established in 1978 as a Sparks neighborhood park, still qualifies as a well-known geographical area. Surrounding businesses including the Wildcreek Business Park, medical practices, apartment complexes and housing developments have adopted the name Wildcreek. The creek that runs through the property off the Orr ditch is Wildcreek, a century old geographical landmark shown on topo maps.

Additionally, Washoe County Park By-Laws state parks are not to be renamed. Therefore, if the name selection follows policy, the area would remain as Wildcreek and the new high school that is located in Wildcreek (Park) should be appropriately named Wildcreek High School.

I understand the passion for naming a school after a person who has dedicated his/her career to education or is recognized for what he/she has accomplished for the betterment of education in our community. This is totally appropriate and is a long-standing tradition for new elementary and middle schools. However, the School Board of Trustees should adhere to the naming process and in this case Park By-Laws when selecting the name for the new high school. The new high school should be named Wildcreek High School.

By-Laws also state that once a high school is named, the name cannot be changed. This would be applicable to Hug High School. Since the school will take on a new curriculum focus, it still can be appropriately coupled with the Hug name. Hug CTE Academy.

There are many reasons supporting keeping the name Wildcreek that include regional support, inter school involvement and name recognition. I strongly urge the School Naming Committee and the School Board of Trustees to finalize the name Wildcreek High School.

*Honor Jones is a life-long Nevadan, University of Nevada graduate, former Reno High and adult education teacher, business owner and former Reno Park and Recreation Commissioner. She has served on non-profit boards and currently works with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Most importantly, she is a concerned citizen who cares about her community.*

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 Procter 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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Daniel J. Klaich



November 5, 2019

Via Email

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Board of Trustees,  
Washoe County School District  
425 E. Ninth Street  
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**Re: Moving of Procter R. Hug High School to new Wildcreek Facility**

Dear Trustees:

My name is Dan Klaich. I am a lifelong resident of Reno, and a product of the great schools in the Washoe County School District. I also have been involved in our community, primarily as an education advocate, and one-time elected official. I know how tough your job is, and I know how seriously you take it. Frankly, I seldom feel that it is important to write because of my enormous respect for you and faith in your decision-making. Thank you for your service.

However, while I don't feel any need to write at this time, I very much want to write to you. The subject is the naming of the new Wildcreek sited high school in Sparks.

What a wonderful list of folks you have to choose from! Like so many in our community, I worked on numerous projects related to education with Debbie Smith. Buck Wheeler was my high school biology teacher and instilled a love of Nevada and its wildlife in me. And who hasn't known and worked with the Feemster family, so many of whom have served this community in so many important ways?

Having said that – and I hope this does not come across as presumptuous – but I don't think you have to search and choose among that list. You already have named the high school in honor of Procter R. Hug, one of the most distinguished citizens of Sparks and a lifelong public servant of our entire State.

Your predecessor trustees made the decision to name Hug High School in 1968 for solid reasons that I will review below. That decision was sound in 1968 and even more so today. In addition, when that decision was made, the Board did not vote to name Hug High School for a while or until some future Board had a better idea. It was forever. Hug High is now an indelible part of the fabric of our community with distinguished alums and proud traditions. Should all those traditions be pushed aside as the High School moves down the road a few miles to a new home? I don't think so and hope you agree.

A half of a century is a long time, so it makes sense to consider why the Board made the decision that it did in 1968.

When the District Board of Trustees named our newest high school after Procter R. Hug, Sr. in 1968, it did so in recognition of and respect for the many selfless contributions made by Mr. Hug, Sr. to the State of Nevada, our northern Nevada community, and, most importantly, the school children of northern Nevada. Mr. Hug, Sr. spent nearly his entire life in Nevada, as a student, teacher, coach, school administrator, and state legislator.

Procter Hug spent his youth in Tonopah, Nevada, where he observed the life of a mining camp in the traditional boom-bust cycle and attended high school. His early fascination with sports in Tonopah, along with active participation on school teams, made it almost certain that he would become a college athlete. He chose to attend the

University of Nevada, where he attained fame as "Bunny" Hug, the football, basketball, and track star and coach.

Mr. Hug did not limit his college participation to sports, being active in student government and ultimately serving as student body president (an office, incidentally, that his son would also hold a few decades later).

After graduating from the university, Hug turned to coaching full-time at Sparks High School. He later became principal of the school and superintendent of Sparks district schools. In 1956, when the schools of the state reorganized into county-wide districts, Procter Hug was named assistant superintendent of Washoe County Schools. Ten years later, he retired as superintendent of Washoe County Schools.

Procter Hug's "retirement" was short lived. Within a few short months, he entered politics, running for, and being elected to, a seat in the state senate. There, Hug continued to be an outstanding spokesman for Nevada education. He worked constantly and successfully during the next two terms for educational improvements. When he retired from the legislature to enjoy well-earned leisure, he could assure his constituents of many constructive changes, including the beginnings of a year-round school calendar, improvements in methods of disposing of school property, and a state professional practices act governing educators.

While the School Board wisely named Hug High School for Procter R. Hug, Sr., it seems appropriate to also consider the legacy that Mr. left to our community. His son, the recently deceased Procter R. Hug, Jr., was a University regent and chair, deputy attorney general and Chief Judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. His grandson and great-grandson, who also bear his name, are distinguished attorneys in Reno.

Mr. Hug dedicated his entire life to public service, educating, mentoring, and leading the Nevada children who needed it the most. As a coach, teacher, and principal he was always concerned to bring along the troubled, disadvantaged student. Countless students have told Mr. Hug, Sr.'s family and friends over the years how Mr. Hug, Sr. helped them and changed their lives.

Mr. Hug understood what a great honor the School Board had bestowed on him and he took great pride in Hug High School, attending all the athletic events, graduations, and assemblies. He and his wife always appreciated the wonderful treatment afforded them by the student body and faculty at Hug High.

Procter Hug, Sr. was a humble servant leader. He was an individual of honor, integrity, wit and wisdom.

For all of these reasons, your predecessors wisely chose to honor a life of service by naming Procter R. Hug High School. I respectfully request that you honor both that decision and Mr. Hug by continuing his name on the school's successor facility.

Again, thank you for your service.

Warm regards,

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Daniel J. Klaich



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,

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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

**JERRY H. MOWBRAY**

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October 22, 2019

Via Email and Regular Mail

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Re: Moving of Procter R. Hug High School to new Wildcreek Facility

Dear Trustees Kelly, Minetto, Caudill, Raymond, Taylor, Calver, and Holland:

My name is Jerry H. Mowbray. I am a lifelong resident of Nevada and am writing regarding the new high school facility being constructed at Wildcreek, where Procter Hug High School is moving. I urge you to retain the name "Procter Hug High School" for the new Wildcreek high school facility.

When the District Board of Trustees named the existing high school after Procter R. Hug in 1968, it did so in recognition of and respect for the many selfless contributions he made to the State of Nevada, our northern Nevada community, and, most importantly, the children of northern Nevada. Mr. Hug spent nearly his entire life in Nevada, as a student, teacher, coach, school administrator, and state legislator. After growing up in Tonopah, Mr. Hug attended the University of Nevada in the 1920s, where he attained fame as "Bunny" Hug, the football (with "Rabbit" Bradshaw), basketball, and track star and coach. After graduating from the University, Mr. Hug turned to coaching and teaching at Sparks High School, later becoming principal of Sparks High, Superintendent of Sparks District Schools, and Assistant Superintendent of Washoe County Schools.

In 1966, Mr. Hug, determined to make an even bigger impact improving our State's education, so he ran for, and was elected to, the Nevada State Senate. During his legislative tenure, Senator Hug worked tirelessly and successfully for educational improvements. He was responsible for many constructive policies and processes in place today, including the year-round school calendar and our State's professional practices act governing educators.

**JERRY H. MOWBRAY**  
*ATTORNEY AT LAW*

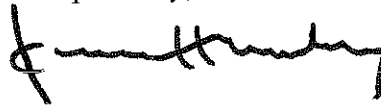
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I was a law clerk for Mr. Hug's son, Judge Procter Hug, Jr. I had many occasions to meet his father who is the name sake of Hug High School. I knew him to be a fine and honorable man. I went to his memorial service which was held at Hug High in 1991. Everyone who spoke of their memories of him painted a verbal picture not only of a true Nevadan but a superb educator as well.

The District on-line survey includes the names of several fine individuals more than worthy of the honor of a school namesake. As our community continues to grow, new District schools will be built and the Trustees will have the opportunity to carefully consider the appropriate names for these facilities when they come on line. Just as "Reno High School" moved in 1912 and again in 1951 and retained the name "Reno High School", when "Procter Hug High School" moves to the new Wildcreek facility, its name should remain "Procter Hug High School." The 1968 Washoe County School District Board of Trustees made an excellent decision; please respect that decision and continue Procter Hug, Sr.'s legacy for the next 50 years as well.

Thank you for your service and for considering my views.

Respectfully,

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Jerry H. Mowbray



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

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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 ignites. 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 continued 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 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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Date Signed: 10/24/19

Supporter's Name - Print: Margaret Langley

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]

Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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Date Signed: Oct. 20, 2019

Supporter's Name - Print: RAYMOND FOSTER Signature: Raymond Foster

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: Doree Smith

Signature: D. Smith

Community Relationship: Live in neighborhood

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Elisa Martinez

Signature: Elisa Martinez

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

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

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

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Supporter's Name - Print: Eugene T. ... Signature: [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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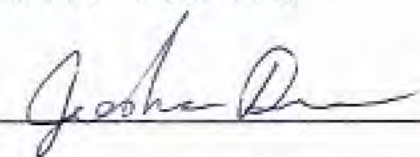
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Supporter's Name - Print: Joshua Devine

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: N/A

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Supporter's Name - Print: JOHN ATCHAN

Signature: 

Community Relationship: RENO RESIDENT

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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Date Signed: October 25, 2019  
Supporter's Name - Print: Jasmine Slater-Scott Signature: [Signature]  
Community Relationship: Resident  
Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]  
Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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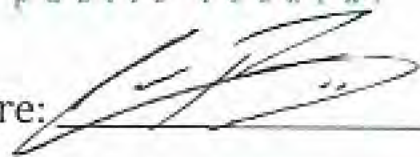
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Supporter's Name - Print: Jessie Brown

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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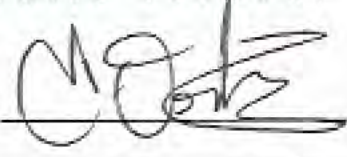
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Supporter's Name - Print: Edie ORTIZ

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Hug Alumni

Supporter's Address for reference: [REDACTED]

Supporter's E-mail: [REDACTED]

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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]

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Supporter's Name - Print: GEORGE DANIELS

Signature: George Daniels

Community Relationship: Feemster

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

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Supporter's Name - Print: Robert T. Oliver

Signature: [Signature]

Community Relationship: RESIDENT

Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]

Supporter's E-mail: [Redacted]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Stephen Nathan

Signature: [Signature]

Community Relationship: Resident

Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]

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Supporter's Name - Print: Jahiah Poreks Signature: [Signature]

Community Relationship: Resident & student WNR

Supporter's Address for reference: [Redacted]

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Date Signed: 10/27/19

Supporter's Name - Print: Daisy Alcala

Signature: Daisy Alcala

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

Signature: 

Community Relationship: Resident

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Date Signed: 10-22-19

Supporter's Name - Print: William Scott Signature: WS

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 Hughes 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>