

Date: August 10, 2009

AREA: General Administration
AGENDA ITEM(S): Process for Naming of New Middle School
CONTACT PERSON(S): Robert L. Logan, Superintendent
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I. Synopsis of Agenda Item (Overview & Purpose)

The district is proposing to use basically the same process to name the new middle school that was used to name Virginia Cross Elementary. Attached is a copy of press releases that were sent out during the naming process as well as a copy of the form for submitting suggested names.

II. Organizational Impact (Academic, Fiscal & Personnel)

The new middle school should have a name prior to requesting a state identification number. This would allow the district to move forward early in 2010 to request a school identification number from the state.

III. Superintendent's Recommendation

Recommend approval from the Board to begin the process for naming the new middle school.

IV.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Chatham County Board of Education approve using the same process for naming the new middle school that was used in naming Virginia Cross Elementary School.

Help Name the New School Coming to Siler City

The Chatham County Board of Education and a Name the School Committee is soliciting suggestions from staff, students, and the community as it goes through the process of naming the new elementary school currently being built in Siler City.

Individuals interested in offering recommendations should use the following criteria in helping identify possible names for the new building:

- * the name may be that of an educational or community leader of prominence; priority will be given to the names of educational or community leaders who have directly or indirectly helped students in this school attendance zone to succeed;
- * the name may specify the geographic locality or description of the school.

The school, which the district plans to open in the fall of 2007, will be located off Alston Bridge Road in Siler City.

Recommendations of names for the school are being accepted through Friday, February 10. There is a bilingual PDF form on the district website at <http://www.chatham.k12.nc.us> (See attachments at the bottom of this page.); copies of the form are in schools and at the central office; and forms are available at the Chatham County United Chamber of Commerce in Siler City, the Wrenn Memorial Library in Siler City, WNCA radio in Siler City, and the Pittsboro Memorial Library in Pittsboro. Completed forms should be returned to one of two locations:

- * Chatham County Schools, P.O. Box 128, Pittsboro, NC 27312, c/o Beth McCullough, Public Relations Coordinator
- * Siler City Elementary School, 671 Ellington Rd., Siler City, NC 27344 c/o Leslie Williams

The Name the School Committee will meet to narrow down the submitted potential school names and bring ideas to the Board of Education during its meeting on Monday, February 27, at Chatham Middle School. The committee is comprised of parents of Siler City Elementary students, staff members at Siler City Elementary, community members, and Superintendent Ann Hart.

New Elementary School to Be Named for Virginia Cross

The Chatham County Board of Education, during a meeting on Monday, March 28, voted to name the new elementary school being built in Siler City in honor of Virginia Cross, a longtime Siler City educator who still lives in the town. Following the meeting a group of Board members, central office staff, and Siler City Elementary Principal Angie Brady-Andrew visited Mrs. Cross to share the news with her.

The Board took nominations for a month earlier in the year to assist in naming the school. Using the nominations submitted, over eighty, a committee comprised of individuals associated with Siler City Elementary School narrowed the list and gave suggestions to the Board for consideration.

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Name you suggest: _____ **Elementary School**

Reason(s) you recommend this name:

Your Name: _____

Your role: student parent staff community member

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**Deadline for submissions:
Friday, February 10, 2006**

