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April 30, 2015

Donna M. Hargens, Ed.D.
Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Hargens:

I am writing to respectfully ask that you name the main driveway that leads to the front of Seneca High School after Mr. John Locke. He was an administrator at Seneca High School for 30 years. He served first as an assistant principal, then as principal. People I have talked with in my district support this recommendation.

Your support for this project would be appreciated. Please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Tom Burch
State Representative

TB/gm

15, June 2015

David Jones Jr
Jefferson County Board Of Education
VanHoose Education Center
3332 Newburgd Road
Louisville, KY 40218

Dear Mr, Jones;

I am happy to offer my support and endorsement to rename our main drive in front of the building after Seneca's former and longtime principal, Mr. John Locke. Mr. Locke was an administrator at Seneca for thirty school years, from 1974 to 2005. He was an assistant principal for the first 15 years and principal starting in 1989 until his retirement in 2005.

As co founder of the Seneca alumni association, "Seneca Past and Present," and facilitator of alumni activities, I have found that Mr. John Locke is discussed often among our alumni ranks. Many of our graduates ask about him often and tell stories of how he has positively impacted the lives of so many of his former students and the community. Clearly, the love and respect for John spans 30 years of Seneca graduates, and beyond.

Anyone who knows John is aware of his willingness to talk and tell stories of life experiences and people he has known throughout the years. His memory for the History and students of Seneca is nothing short of amazing. When asked about people or former students he seems to remember a story about each one of them.

It is time to recognize John Locke for all that he has done for his student, their families, and the Seneca community. Few have the opportunity to have such a lasting impact on those we serve. John is one who is most deserved of this recognition. We ask that you approve the naming of our main drive to "John Locke Lane."

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Dearmond
Assistant Principal
Seneca High School

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June 11, 2015

David Jones, Jr.
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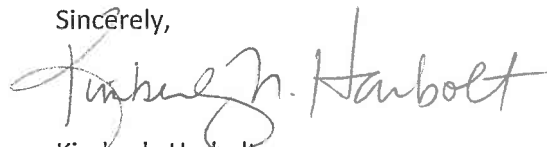
Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter serves as endorsement for the re-naming of Seneca High School's main driveway (leading in from Goldsmith Lane to the flagpole in front of the large gymnasium) to John Locke Lane.

Mr. John Locke is a well-respected, long-time, former principal of Seneca High School. Former students, staff, and school leadership members cherish him for his dedication to Seneca. Community members often recognize John Locke and hold him in high esteem. In addition, Mr. Locke still maintains an active presence at Seneca by participating on the newly established Seneca Hall of Fame committee. While we certainly appreciate and respect many of Seneca's famous alumni like Wes Unseld and Diane Sawyer, and have recognized them accordingly, Mr. Locke represents what we are all about right here in the JCPS community – education and lifelong learning.

Please help us encourage our scholars to recognize the tradition of excellence that is Seneca by allowing John Locke Lane to be the name of our main driveway.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Harbolt
Principal

July 2, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jody Johnson and I am writing this letter on behalf of Mr. John Locke. I had the privilege of being hired by Mr. Locke to teach at Seneca High School in July of 2002. Mr. Locke was a supportive leader and a great mentor. During the three years I worked for him I witnessed his commitment to Seneca and the students. There was never an event that he was not present to support the students and the staff.. John Locke gave many many hours to Seneca during his tenure as principal. The dedication and commitment would be hard to match. Once Mr. Locke retired and left Seneca he still attended many events and continued to support the school.

I think it would be a great way to honor Mr. Locke by naming a street in his name. It is a token to demonstrate the years of commitment he gave to Seneca. His hard work and dedication deserve to be recognized and this gesture is much deserved. As a member of the current SBDM advisory council I support this idea. John Locke deserves to be recognized for his commitment to Seneca and it students and staff. Please consider the naming of the street John Locke Lane.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jody Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Jody Johnson
Seneca High School
Goal Clarity Coach
Advisory Council member

5/12/2015

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to voice my support of the request to name the drive to Seneca High School John Locke Lane, after our former Principal and Assistant Principal. Mr. Locke has been a dedicated, well-loved figure at Seneca for years. He began his tenure at the school in 1974 as Assistant Principal and continued in that role until 1989 when he accepted the post of Principal and served as such from 1989 until 2005 when he 'retired'. That phrase is in quotes because when Seneca needed an interim principal in 2011/2012, John Locke stepped up again. His dedication to the students and faculty is evident in his willingness to serve the school when they needed him.

My experience with John Locke includes time as a student and alumnae. When I was a student at Seneca, John Locke was the Assistant Principal and was mainly responsible for discipline on the school grounds. He performed that role consistently and with calm. I never remember him raising his voice but I do remember a firmness and a consistent approach with the student body. Even though he could be considered 'all business' there was a caring side to him that is evident today in the fond memories and stories told about his tenure.

When I joined Seneca Past and Present, our Alumni Association, there was much work to be done to get some details about Seneca's history. Everyone knew that John Locke was the person to go to for that information. I had a very pleasant conversation with him and he provided much-needed information at the time. He was eager to help because I believe he considers Seneca *his* school and one where his heart is.

Please approve the request to name our drive John Locke xxxx so that we can properly honor this true Seneca supporter.

Sincerely,

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Secretary, Seneca Past and Present