

Smyrna Traditional Elementary School

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January 20, 2017

Dear Jefferson County Public School Board:

Enclosed you will find letters in support of changing the name of Smyrna Traditional Elementary School to Smyrna Elementary School. On behalf of the students, staff, Parent/Teacher Association, Site Based Decision Making Council, Family Resource Center, and myself, as school principal, we are requesting this change because Smyrna is not a direct feeder to traditional middle school programs.

Our rationale for changing the school name is based on student placement from the school district, the student dress code, and the instructional delivery implemented in the classroom to support diverse student needs centered on academics and positive behavior intervention supports.

We hope that you will consider this request to alleviate confusion among community members by removing the word "traditional" from our school name.

I want to thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tiff L Stith".

Tiffany L. Stith, Ed.D.
Principal of Smyrna Traditional Elementary School
SBDM Council Chairperson

Smyrna Traditional Elementary School

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January 18, 2017

Dear Jefferson County Public School Board:

I am the current Goal Clarity Coach at Smyrna Traditional Elementary as well as a staff member at the school for over 20 years. I have been at the school to witness the name change from Smyrna Elementary to Smyrna Traditional Elementary. At the time, some of the reasons we voted to change the name was because Moore had changed their name and we wanted the schools to become a traditional campus. At the time we also adopted a uniform policy and added patriotism added to our vision and mission statement. I support this request to change our name to Smyrna Elementary School as it causes confusion to our parents when they enroll. I have worked many Showcase of Schools and parents always ask if their children will automatically be enrolled in Male High School if they attend Smyrna. It was misleading to parents. Our vision and mission statement has been revised over the years and we no longer teach with "traditional methods".

I appreciate your consideration in this change,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Milligan".

Karen Milligan
Goal Clarity Coach
Smyrna Traditional Elementary



Rotary Club of Louisville Suburban

January 21, 2017

Dear Jefferson County Board of Education:

Our Rotary Club have worked and partnered with Smyrna Elementary for the last four years. Our club provides and gives 3rd graders a personal dictionary. We started this project approximately eight years ago with 3 Elementary schools in Jefferson County and this year I am proud to say we partnered with 30 schools.

Our club visits each school and gives all 3rd grade boys and girls their own personal dictionary. The children, as well as the Staff are always excited and eager to see us.

I am writing this letter to show support to the staff at Smyrna Elementary to change the name of the school to Smyrna Elementary School from Smyrna Traditional Elementary School.

Thank you for your consideration. Smyrna is definitely one of our favorite schools that we partner with and appreciate their cooperation.

Sincerely,

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January 17, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of removing the word Traditional from Smyrna Elementary.
My reasoning is as follows:

1. The school isn't a Traditional Elementary.
2. Enrolling a student in Smyrna is not a pathway to a Traditional Middle School.
3. At Showcase, interested parents turn away when I explain that the school isn't a Traditional Elementary even though it is in our school name.
4. Years ago, Traditional was added to the school name because of student uniforms and a homework policy. Many students wear school uniforms and most if not all schools probably have a homework policy.

Please remove Traditional from Smyrna Elementary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca A. Roby".

Rebecca A. Roby

FRC Coordinator for Smyrna

January 19, 2017

Dear Jefferson County School Board:

Previously, I served as Smyrna's Parent/Teacher Association President and as a parent representative on Smyrna's SBDM Council. I am requesting that you consider changing the school name from Smyrna Traditional Elementary School to Smyrna Elementary School. I believe changing the school name will provide consistency among parent perception to recognize that Smyrna is not a traditional school that feeds into middle school traditional programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Devanae Wright". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Devanae Wright
Smyrna Parent

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Dear to Whom This May Concern,

My name is Allyn Simpson. I am an involved parent of two children that attend Smyrna Traditional Elementary School. Outside of helping my children with their studies I am PTA President, a parent representative for Title I and an Assistant Controller.

Being involved in my children's education I have found that Smyrna does not follow your typically traditional school guidelines and this causes problems between faculty and parents at the school. Parents have an expectation that their child will feed into a traditional middle and high school, but that is not true for Smyrna. The faculty at Smyrna is having to disclose this information on everything they produce. As parents are reviewing schools to choose from for their child(ren), they see traditional and their hopes are then abolished when getting to Smyrna for a tour. To me this appears to be false advertising at first glance until the administration can speak to a potential parent.

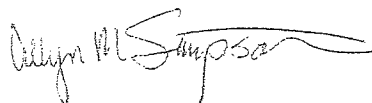
This is my fourth year at Smyrna and it appears that Smyrna does not follow traditional guidelines but allows for student engagement and are working to make this more prone each day. I believe that Smyrna would not be harmed to remove the Traditional name. Actually, this would be better suited for Smyrna Elementary for the following reasons:

- Student Centered
- Ability to have Interventions
- Don't have to apply to get in
- Alleviates False Advertising

As a parent, I advise that Smyrna Traditional Elementary be allowed to remove Traditional from their name and be called Smyrna Elementary School. This will benefit the school by making an improved first impression on parents when they arrive at the school for a tour or are just searching on the web. Their expectations are not set for a traditional school curriculum and alleviates the pressure on the faculty to continue having to break the news of not feeding into a traditional middle and high school.

If there are any questions, please let me know at 502-767-2286.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allyn M. Simpson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allyn M. Simpson