



February 16, 2017

Dear Jefferson County Board of Education:

On behalf of the School-Based Decision Making Council of the Brown School, we are requesting that the official name of our school be changed to J. Graham Brown School. Until recently, we were under the impression that J. Graham Brown School was the official name of our school. This is the name on the outside of our building and the name on the diplomas that are handed to our graduates every year. We are asking that our school be officially known by the name that we've called ourselves for the past 45 years.

As there are other schools across the nation with the word "Brown" in their names, we will be able to specifically distinguish ourselves from the other "Brown Schools". This will assist our students in applying for scholarships, colleges, and other opportunities. It will also provide due recognition to our namesake.

On January 19, 2017, our SBDM Council unanimously approved a motion supporting the name change; two of our parent members of our council happen to also be alumni of Brown. They were surprised as well that J. Graham Brown School was not our official name.

We appreciate your consideration in this change.

Sincerely,

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Principal

*John*  
parent

*Ann Amett*  
Assistant Principal

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Counselor / Teacher Rep

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Teacher

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J. Graham Brown School SBDM Council

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