

Wilkerson Traditional Elementary School

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June 8, 2018

Dear Jefferson County Public School Board of Education:

Enclosed you will find letters in support of changing the name of Wilkerson Traditional Elementary School to Wilkerson 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 Wilkerson Elementary 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 to support diverse learning needs of all learners and the implementation of positive behavior 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 "Traci L. Durbin".

Traci L. Durbin

Principal of Wilkerson Traditional Elementary School

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June 4, 2018

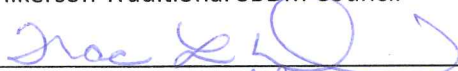
Dear JCPS Board of Education,


Wilkerson Elementary was established in 1956. Later, the decision was made to add Traditional to the name. However, Wilkerson Elementary does not follow the traditional program, nor does it feed into a Traditional Middle school and has been unclear to parents and community members seeking to place their children in a traditional program.


A survey was sent to staff and parents to solicit opinions of our community in removing "Traditional" from the school name. Results were overwhelmingly in favor of the removal. Therefore, the Site Based Decision Making Council of Wilkerson Traditional Elementary is in support and requesting to rename the school back to its original name of Wilkerson Elementary School.

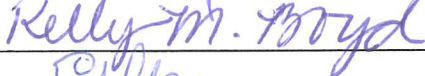
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Wilkerson Traditional SBDM-Council

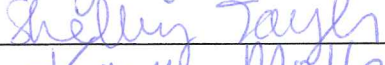





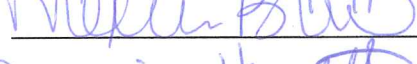








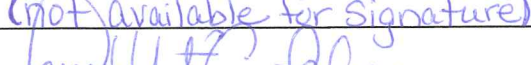


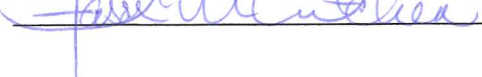












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Janice Burkhardt, Teacher
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Kelly Boyd, Teacher
Erin Jolly, Teacher
Shelby Taylor, Teacher
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TO: Jefferson County Board of Education

THRU: Traci Durbin, Principal

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Date: June 4, 2018

To Who It May Concern,

As the Family Resource Coordinator at Wilkerson Elementary, I write to you in support of the request to change the name of our school from Wilkerson Traditional Elementary School to Wilkerson Elementary School. The decision was made decades ago to include the word traditional in the name; however, Wilkerson does not follow the traditional program as set by JCPS guidelines and does not feed into a traditional middle school.

Changing the name will not affect our current academic standards of success, but it will make our educational mission more transparent to Wilkerson families and community members. It will eliminate any confusion for those families seeking to place their child in a traditional program.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michelle Skinner, MSSW, FRC".

Michelle Skinner, MSSW, FRC

Wilkerson Family Resource Center Coordinator

Jennifer Howlett

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8th June 2018

To whom it may concern,

Hello, I'm the PTA president at Wilkerson Traditional Elementary and I'm writing this letter that I support the decision to take the traditional off of the school name. I feel like this is a good decision because Wilkerson does not feed into the true traditional program and I do believe that parents get confused because they believe that their child will automatically get into a true traditional middle school after graduating Wilkerson. Thank you, for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Howlett". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Jennifer Howlett