

March 13, 2023

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support to name our small gym floor after Lesley Drury Prather. Mrs. Prather graduated from Pleasure Ridge Park High School where she lettered in three sports including volleyball, basketball & track & field.

She went on to play volleyball at the University of Louisville, where she led her team to three conference championships, four NCAA appearances, and a Sweet Sixteen appearance. She was named All-Conference USA twice and was named to the AVA All-Region team.

After her college career, she returned home to become the head volleyball coach for PRP. After two years leading the Lady Panther Volleyball Program, Leslie left to become the Head Volleyball Coach at Indiana University Southeast. At the time of her death, she was coaching the KIVA 10 volleyball team.

Lesley spent the last four years protecting and serving her community as a proud member of Engine 22 with the Louisville Fire Department and our city's public safety team.

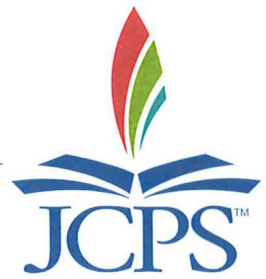
The entire Louisville community mourned the tragic loss of Lesley, her daughter Rhyann, and their friends on February 14, 2020 and celebrated their contributions to the Louisville community. Since her passing, Leslie's family has started a scholarship program at PRP in her and Rhyann's honor. In 2021, Lesley was posthumously inducted into the Inaugural PRP Athletic Hall of Fame.

I avidly support the naming of Pleasure Ridge Park High School's small gym after such an inspirational woman! Lesley Drury Prather.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Duff", is written over the printed name.

Sheri Duff, Principal
Pleasure Ridge Park High School



March, 13, 2023

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the six members of the Site Based Decision Making committee at Pleasure Ridge Park High School, we write to enthusiastically support naming the PRP small gym floor after Lesley Drury Prather. Mrs. Prather graduated from Pleasure Ridge Park High School where she lettered in three sports including volleyball, basketball & track & field.

The entire Louisville community mourned the tragic loss of Lesley, her daughter Rhyan, and their friends on February 14, 2020 and celebrated their contributions to the Louisville community. Since her passing, Leslie's family has started a scholarship program at PRP in her and Rhyan's honor. In 2021, Lesley was posthumously inducted into the Inaugural PRP Athletic Hall of Fame.

Naming the small gym floor "Lesley Drury Prather" needs to happen, and the SBDM at PRP High School provides its full support in that effort.

Sincerely,

PRPHS Site Based Decision Making Committee
Megan Miller, Member



LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
FIRE DEPARTMENT

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

GREGORY W. FREDERICK
FIRE CHIEF

February 12, 2021

Nick Waddell
Athletic Director
Pleasure Ridge Park High School
5901 Greenwood Road
Louisville, KY 40258

Mr. Waddell,

From her earliest days with the Louisville Division of Fire, Lesley Drury Prather was a stand-out. She quickly became a respected, valuable, and beloved member of the LFD and our city's public safety team. As a firefighter, Lesley worked tirelessly for her community and committed herself to being the best firefighter she could be. Her expectations for her colleagues were high, and she established an incredible standard of excellence for future LFD Firefighters to uphold.

Lesley reported for duty each-and-every day with a positive attitude and a determination to not only be her best, but to make life better for everyone around her. She made tremendous sacrifices when she chose a career in the fire service and served her community with courage and compassion. Lesley was devoted to keeping people safe, comforting the most vulnerable, and helping those in need. She wore her badge with pride, honor, and a dedication to duty.

There is no doubt that the leadership, determination, and competitiveness Lesley possessed to succeed as a firefighter was cultivated as a student athlete, and later as a coach, helping young people win on and off the court. Her daughter Rhyan was on a similar path to success, as a terrific student and athlete, and a loyal friend remembered for her smile, her humor, and her kindness.

Lesley and Rhyan will forever remain in the hearts of the entire community. The Louisville Division of Fire joins Pleasure Ridge Park High School, the Prather, Drury and Petkovic families, as well as many friends, teammates, and schoolmates, in celebrating the lives of Lesley and Rhyan by name the Old Gym Floor at PRP High School after Leslie Drury Prather. It is greatly deserved honor, and Lesley would be humbled by the recognition. The LFD extends our full support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory W. Frederick".

Gregory Frederick, Chief
Louisville Division of Fire



Louisville Metro Council

Rick Blackwell
District 12 Councilman

Liz Kennedy
Legislative Assistant

February 17, 2021

JCPS Board of Education

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you today to express my support of renaming the Old Gym Floor at PRP High School in honor of Leslie Drury Prather. The entire Louisville community mourned the tragic loss of Leslie, her daughter Ryan, and their friends last year and celebrated their contributions to the Louisville Community.

Her achievements during her time as a student at PRP are numerous and include leading the Girls Volleyball team to a regional title and two state tournament appearances, regional championship in Girls Basketball, and a state championship in State Track & Field High Jump. After earning a scholarship at University of Louisville for volleyball, Leslie returned to coach at PRP from 2003-2005.

Since her passing, Leslie's family has started a scholarship program at PRP in her and Ryan's honor. Many of their family members have attended and graduated from PRP and it is fitting that the girls' sports programs at PRP continue to practice and play on the gym floor named in Leslie's honor.

I hope you will consider re-naming the Old Gym Floor in Leslie's honor and cement her magnanimous legacy to the PRP Community.

Sincerely,

Rick Blackwell
District 12 Metro Councilman