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To: Board members, Rick Chandler

From: Jonathan Phipps, Superintendent

Through:

Subject: Naming of new panhandle elementary school

Date: February 20, 2018

On the next page is the Naming Committee recommendations for the name, colors and the mascot of the new panhandle elementary school.

The committee members were

- Linda Blackwell, Director of Elementary Education;
- Betty Broome, Community Member/Historian;
- Noah Brown, Prospective Fourth-Grade Student;
- Maya Van Buskirk, Prospective Fourth-Grade Student;
- Brittany Caldwell, Community Member/Parent;
- Xavier Key, Van Wyck Town Council/Community Member;
- Lyndsey Kissiah, Community Member/Parent;
- Don McCorkle, Board of Trustees Member;
- Stephen Puckett, New School Principal; and
- Melvin Stroble, Board of Trustees Member/Honorary Attendee.

As the committee noted in the proposal on the next page, it is very fitting that the name of the school reflects the rich history of the area and the Van Wyck community.

Also, the committee's recommendations for the mascot and the colors tie in with the Indian Land Warrior theme and will allow for continuity of school and community spirit and will connect the elementary students to the middle and high schools they will attend.

I recommend the board approve

- the name – *Van Wyck Elementary*;
- the colors - *blue, gold and white*; and
- the mascot, *The Braves*.