



March 31, 2021

Dear Wilson School Community,

We are writing to update you on the re-naming process. Interim Superintendent Lathan approved the re-naming committee's request to proceed with the re-naming process. As a result of that approval, the renaming committee was tasked to select a name and submit for consideration for April's board meeting. We had not expected nor planned for such a quick approval and turnaround!

As the committee had wished, the middle school students on the committee were able to engage in conversation with the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to share their thoughts and discuss the names being suggested. Although the younger students and community were not able to partake in activities prior to the name selection as we had envisioned, the committee has planned activities for the community and all students, if the board approves the committee's proposal for the name change.

Attached you will find a chart that shows the names that were submitted to the re-naming committee for consideration. We thank you for your input. You will also find information on the name submitted for Board approval by the re-naming committee: **Ella J. Baker Montessori**.

All committee meeting agendas and minutes can be found [HERE](#).

Sincerely,

Wilson Re-Naming Committee

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*Sarah Fischer, Parent Teacher Organization*

*Randi Blair, Parent*

*Helen "Rocket" Repass, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*Aedan Flores, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*Kayden Schumacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student*

*Flora Moon, Local Civic Leader (Director of Friends of Cherryhurst Park)*

*Heather Trachtenberg, Local Civic Leader*

*Michael Gomez, Local Civic Leader*

*Ruby Shampine, Alumni Representative*

*Jesus Azuara, Alumni Representative*

*Angela Borzon, Montessori Advocate*

*Christine Soderstrom, Friends of Montessori Representative*

*Anika Rikondja, Anti-Bias, Anti-Racist (ABAR) Committee*

*Shameika Sykes-Salvador, Principal*

*Dr. Amy Poerschke, School Support Officer*

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