

Summary of Community Input/Feedback on the Request to Rename Lincoln Elementary School

June 23, 2021

Background Information:

A motion to consider the request to rename Lincoln Elementary School, as outlined in the revised 940 policy for renaming schools, was approved at the May 10, 2021, Board of Education Meeting. Step three of this revised policy called for the development of a process for notifying the community and gathering community input/feedback on the request to rename a school.

Below is the process that was developed and followed:

1. Timeline

- a. Start date – 8:00 AM on May 28th
- b. End date – 4:00 PM on June 18th

2. Methods of notifying the community

- a. Emails to families through weekly family message
- b. Posting to AASD website
- c. Posting to Lincoln website
- d. Shared survey link with local media

3. Format of input/feedback gathering form

- a. Respondents provided input on each of five options
 - i. Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School
 - ii. Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap
 - iii. Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions
 - iv. Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln
 - v. Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School
- b. Each option asked respondents to select from; Strongly Disagree (1), Disagree (2), Neutral (3), Agree (4), Strongly Agree (5)

4. Identifying information required

- a. Respondents included their name, address, and email
- b. Respondents answered yes or no to the following question, “Do you live in the Lincoln attendance area?”

5. Community members input/feedback desired

- a. Only AASD residents were allowed to provide input/feedback

6. Accessibility of input/feedback gathering form to the community

- a. Electronic link to survey
- b. Paper copies were available

Results

Total Responses: 1,122

Respondents' connection to the AASD:

- 220 Community Members
- 9 Current AASD Students
- 104 Former AASD Students
- 91 Current AASD Parents/Guardians
- 121 Former AASD Parents/Guardians
- 40 Current AASD Staff Members
- 33 Former AASD Staff Members
- 504 Responded with two or more connections

Average of Strongly Disagree (1), Disagree (2), Neutral (3), Agree (4), Strongly Agree (5):

3.07 - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School

2.93 - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions

2.50 - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap

2.17 - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln

2.02 - Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School

Percent of respondents that agree (4) or strongly agree (5):

47% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School

47% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions

29% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap

20% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln

18% - Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School

Percent of respondents that strongly agree (5):

45% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School

43% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions

23% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap

14% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln

12% - Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School

Respondents living in the Lincoln attendance area: 158

Average of Lincoln attendance area residents that Strongly Disagree (1), Disagree (2), Neutral (3), Agree (4), or Strongly Agree (5):

- 3.38 - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions
- 2.74 - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School
- 2.38 - Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School
- 2.30 - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln
- 2.22 - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap

Percent of Lincoln area residents that agree or strongly agree:

- 54% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions
- 34% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School
- 25% - Rename the school Lincoln – Dunlap Elementary School
- 22% - Retain the name Lincoln Elementary School and recommend naming a different facility after Ronald C. Dunlap
- 20% - Rename the school Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions and recommend naming a different facility after Abraham Lincoln