

Mock Sample Petition from "John Smith" High School

We, the undersigned members of [John Smith] High School, request that the Montgomery County Board of Education consider changing the name of our school. Naming a school is a commitment of public resources and a high honor that should be reserved for ideals, core values, and commitments expressed in Board policies such as Policy ACA, *Nondiscrimination, Equity, and Cultural Proficiency*, and equitably represent the diversity of Montgomery County.

We believe John Smith does not meet the criteria for acceptable school names set forth in Policy FFA, *Naming School Facilities*, for the following reasons:

1. John Smith’s voting record in Congress shows continued and sustained commitment to limiting the rights of African Americans. He voted against the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.
2. He did not support the Supreme Court decision requiring the end to segregated schools. He proposed an amendment to an aid bill that would have funded segregated schools.
3. We have included a biographical description John Smith that shows these and other ways that we believe show he was not a person to honor by giving his name to a school whose student body includes people he would have prohibited from attending. We want all students to know they belong at our school.

Allison munro/JHSH student/9-10-2022

(name) (student/parent/guardian/staff/local resident) (date)

Marisa Shepherd (John Smith HS parent) 9/22/22

(name) (student/parent/guardian/staff/local resident) (date)

Edgar Turner/JHSH alumni/9-17-2022

(name) (student/parent/guardian/staff/local resident) (date)

Miriam Huang (John Smith HS neighbor) 9/12/22

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