

Dear School Board Members,

For nearly seventy years, our community elementary school has stood in honor of a violent and racist human trafficker whose legacy stands entirely upon the preservation of American slavery. Every time a child walks through those gates, it is a reminder that our district does not believe they deserve better. We have pleaded for nearly two years that Henry Clay's name be removed from this elementary school and replaced with a restorative name. We have spent countless hours organizing, meeting with administrators, and building a community coalition around this cause. We are tired. We are angry. We are frustrated. We are devastated. But we are not giving up.

For two years, the school district has been consistently reminded of Henry Clay's legacy, and after two years of reflection, their naming committee is prepared to recommend Rolling Hills Leadership Elementary as a replacement. This is unacceptable. The district's justification that this name somehow honors native people is a ludicrous attempt to obscure its connection to land development and the racial redlining deeply embedded in the community of Rolando. We ask you to reject this proposal for its betrayal of a restorative renaming effort which gained over 1,000 signatures of support in our initial efforts.

Today we ask you to instead choose **bell hooks Elementary School** as the name to replace Henry Clay. After nearly a century of upholding a violent white supremacist as the symbol of our school, the district owes our children a restorative renaming that they can be proud of today and for future generations to come.

Sincerely,

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