



Media Release

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SCHOOL BOARD NEARING END OF THE RENAMING PROCESS FOR JOHNSON/WAKELAND K-8

(Bradenton, FL – April 10, 2019) In response to community requests, the School Board of Manatee County initiated a renaming process for Johnson/Wakeland K-8 International Baccalaureate School during a Board meeting on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. That six-month process is now nearing its conclusion.

During the last six months, the School District's office of Communications, Family and Community Engagement has been collecting name nominations from the public for the K-8 school which opened in August 2018, following the planned closure of Wakeland Elementary School. The combined IB school is located on the former Johnson Middle School campus at 2121 26th Avenue East in Bradenton.

The final steps of the process are as follows:

- The office of Communications, Family and Community Engagement will present a list of names nominated to the School Board during a Board Workshop on Tuesday, April 23, 2019. The list of names nominated will be published on the School District website and provided to the media.
- The School Board will hold a Public Hearing regarding the renaming during its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. Name nominations will continue to be collected up to and during the Public Hearing. The School Board will make a final decision on the name following the Public Hearing.

Name nominations have been and are still being accepted in the following ways:

- **Email nominations to:** Communications@manateeschools.net
- **Mail nominations to:**

The School District of Manatee County
PO Box 9069,
Bradenton, FL 34206-9069

- **Personally deliver nominations to:**

School Support Center, 215 Manatee Ave. W., in Bradenton.

In addition, name nominations were accepted during a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the renaming process at Johnson/Wakeland K-8 School in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.