

Via E-Mail

Oklahoma City Public Schools
Dr. Sean McDaniel, Superintendent
2734 Miramar Blvd.
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September 8, 2021

Dear Dr. McDaniel:

Pursuant to Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) Board Policy D-08 we are sending you notification of our desire to rename an existing building within OKCPS. Our request is that the Board of Education consider renaming the Oklahoma City Public Schools Early Childhood Education Center at Gatewood to The Sandy L. Garrett Center for Early Childhood Education at Gatewood.

Superintendent Garrett, a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, was the first female to serve in the roll of State Superintendent as well as being the second longest serving person in that role. Garrett implemented the sweeping reforms of HB 1017, streamlined the State Department of Education and oversaw the creation of an early childhood education system that was the national model as well serving as the model for early childhood programs in France.

We believe that with the creation of the new early childhood education center there is no better person that has made a contribution to early childhood education in this state to name the building after. In fact every student in this state today continues to benefit from her legacy.

We have attached a biography of Superintendent Garrett to this letter, and are more than happy to discuss this request.

Sincerely,

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CC: Paula Lewis, Chair

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