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## Fwd: written correspondence

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Jerod Harney <JHarney@msd.k12.or.us> To: Cherice Bowden <cbowden@msd.k12.or.us> Sun, Dec 12, 2021 at 9:04 PM

Hello Cherice. I tried to submit written correspondence for the school board meeting Monday night through the email system (**SchoolBoard@msd.k12.or.us**), but the address appears to be broken- I submitted a helpdesk.

I am writing to re-address the need to change the name of Columbus Elementary school after a steward of our community and an admirable representative for a school instead of slave owner, guilty of genocide, and falsly acredited as the original discoverer of these lands we stand on today.

I spoke to the board in October to provide new energy to the idea. I'll admit I don't know where the board stands on this and maybe steps are being made towards the effort. Since October I have circulated an online petition through Change.org to many members of our education community. At this point the petition has 267 signatures, which I hope will serve as added fuel to making this a priority. Here is the link, and you are also welcome to sign.... it: https://chng.it/sgN67wtx

<u>Thank you-Happy Holidays,</u> **Jerod Harney** Parent and Teacher at McMinnville Schools