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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 14, 2015

To: Karen Janney, Ed.D., Superintendent

From: Dianna Carberry, Ed.D., Asst. Supt., Leadership Development and Systems Innovation 

RE: Naming of Facility – Mar Vista High School Library

The Library Naming Committee for Burke Mills at Mar Vista High School met on August 6, 2013, in the Mar Vista High School Library. The committee members are Mr. Jaime Mercado, retired Principal; Ms. Nancy Cummins Slovic, retired teacher; Mr. Orrostieta-Soto, parent; Ms. Maricarmen Corem, PTSA secretary; and Ms. Leslie Olvera, ASB President. Mr. Mercado agreed to chair the committee.

We reviewed the Board Policy for naming a facility and decided to hold an open public meeting on August 26, 2015, in the Mar Vista Library from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for public input. Grants and Communications will be putting a notice in Eagle Times, The Star News, and the Union Tribune to notify the public of the meeting and to share a little bit about Mr. Mills. The committee wishes to bring the matter to the Superintendent immediately after the meeting.

I have been contacted by Mr. Mills' son and his wife (attachments) regarding the nomination for naming the library after Mr. Mills. They are included with this update.

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Attachments

Yolanda Hernandez

From: Dianna Carberry
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Yolanda Hernandez
Subject: FW: MVH Library (Burke Mills)

Please include this email with the Board Update for the Library Naming Committee.

Dr. Dianna Carberry
Assistant Superintendent Leadership Development and Systems Innovation
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From: Burke Mills [mailto:millsburke@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:28 AM
To: Dianna Carberry
Subject: MVH Library (Burke Mills)

Ma'am,

Thank you so much for spearheading this initiative on behalf of my Father. I, unfortunately, will be unable to attend the hearing, as I am Active Duty military stationed in South Korea. When Dr. Mercado and Ms. Cummins began this initiative, I was absolutely blown away. I wasn't always aware of the type of impact my Father had on his students and fellow co-workers throughout his tenure at MVH. I graduated from MVH in 1998, and my Father retired in 1994 after 34 years with the district (as you're well aware). I was around for the semi-latter part of my Father's life but I must say, as a single Father, my Father raised myself and my sister and I can think of no other person that had a greater impact on my life than my Father. He directly influenced my life for the positive and would do anything to ensure that we were taken care of. It's funny, looking back, you never truly realize the type of impact someone has on your life until they are no longer with us.

I sincerely appreciate your efforts and utmost dedication to this process. Should you have any questions and/or require anything from myself, please, do not hesitate.

Very Respectfully,
Burke Mills
millsburke@yahoo.com

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From: Toni Jensen [mailto:tonijen745@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:36 PM
To: Dianna Carberry; Mills Burke; Brooke Mills; Toni Jensen
Subject: Burke Mills

I have heard that your organization may want to dedicate and/or rename the school library for W. Burke Mills. I wanted to add a few words in support of this proposal.

My name is Toni Jensen and I married Burke in 1977. He is the father of my two children, Burke and Brooke. My children did not know their father as I did, since he retired when they came "of age." However, I want them to know that their father was highly respected as a teacher who cared and as a colleague never forgotten. Students came to the house all the time; there was an "open-door" policy, both figuratively and literally, at our house near the beach. He was the "father" that so many of the students needed, the advisor they respected, and later to many, a loyal and unforgettable friend. Burke set a standard of scholarship for all those who knew him, because he respected the classics and constantly urged those in his classrooms to a greater perfection; he never let students, whether they were in the GATE Program or the Home Study Program, get away with just "good enough." Burke also gave countless hours of his life every weekend teaching kids to drive in the driver's ed program, and during football season he was the go-to announcer for all the home games. Indeed, W. Burke Mills gave his all, the best years of his life to Mar Vista, and I could not think of a more fitting honor to him than to name the library for him.

Sincerely,
Toni

PS If you have any questions, my phone is 530-845-3370