



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session

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SUBJECT/TOPIC

CONSIDERATION OF NAME CHANGE FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOL FACILITIES: WEST APEX HIGH (H-10)

DEPARTMENT, BOARD/STAFF LIAISON(S), AND ANY PRESENTERS FROM OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT

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BACKGROUND

On May 13, 2011, the Board of Education acquired 108.46 acres for use for multiple school uses to include a high school in the H-10 target area, with a high school scheduled to open in 2015. Naming of the new high school facility was requested at the November 1, 2011 meeting, when the following names were presented to the Board for its consideration (1) West Apex High, (2) Friendship High, and (3) Humie Olive Road High.

West Apex High was proposed as it identifies the area of the town within which the school site is located, and will help to identify the location of the site and will help to establish a community identity for the facility. Friendship High was proposed because the site is located within the community of Friendship and will help to establish a community identity for the facility. Humie Olive Road High was proposed as it identifies the road from which the school will be accessed and will help to specifically identify the location of the site. Staff presented a recommendation from the Town of Apex for selection of West Apex High as the school name. After some discussion, the Board approved West Apex High as the H-10 school name. A middle school and elementary school to be located on the site have been identified as needed in the next bond, but have not yet been named.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

SAVINGS

None.

NEXT STEPS / RECOMMENDATIONS

This item is brought forward for Board discussion in response to a recent public comment in support of changing the name of West Apex High to Friendship High.

