

DENTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
1307 N. LOCUST ST., DENTON, TX 76201

PROPOSED NAME FOR FACILITY

In accordance with policy CW (LOCAL) the Board has invited written nominations for the naming of a district facility. A period of 45 days will be given for the nominations.

Date of Call for Names: TBD Facility to be Named: Rod Southard Elementary, Middle School or High School

Expected Date of Board Action:

- Facilities will generally be named for deceased persons who have made a significant contribution to society as may be deemed appropriate by Board, streets or geographic areas within the District, or historical sites.

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1. BUILDING AND/OR LOCATION PROPOSED FOR NAMING OR RENAMING

I propose that one of the new Schools be named after long term Educator and Principle in Several locations within Denton, Gainesville and Lewisville Texas ISD majority of which was in Denton ISD Rod Southard. (Designation of building and/or location) TBD

2. PROPOSED NAME Be named for: Rod Southard

Check all that apply:

- Deceased DISD staff member Historical Name
- Geographic Name Other

3. COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT (with work history if DISD employee) And/or INFORMATIONAL REPORT if historic or geographic name:

ROD SOUTHARD PRINCIPAL AND EDUCATOR
FROM 1985 TO 2011

Rod Southard principal and educator in the Denton ISD from 1999 to 2011. Mr. Southard was principal at Hodge Elementary from 1999 to 2005. At Hodge, he led the school from "Acceptable" to "Recognized" in the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings for four years.

Mr. Southard accepted the challenge of Savannah Elementary School from 2006 to 2008.

"Savannah Elementary will virtually be a neighborhood school in the next few years. My goal is to create a challenging and well-rounded academic program in conjunction with a strong sense of community and school pride. It is my desire to establish a partnership to develop well-rounded children who are creative problem solvers and productive members of our society," Mr. Southard said. Savannah Elementary School received the highest rating of "Exemplary" as reported by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in their 2008 Accountability Ratings. The ratings data posted by the TEA tracks the academic achievement of school campuses statewide

15 May 2008 Mr. Southard was named principal of Stephens Elementary.

Mr. Southard's tenure at Stephens Elementary was from 2008 to 2011.

Mr. Southard was the first principal and opened both Savannah and Stephens Elementary schools.

Prior to coming to Denton ISD, he was principal at Lake Dallas Middle School from 1994 to 1999. He also was the assistant principal at Lake Dallas Elementary for two years. He was a teacher and coach at Lake Dallas High for one year and a teacher and coach in Gainesville ISD from 1986 to 1994.

He also worked for Ron Jon Publishing as a textbook sales representative and science curriculum specialist.

Mr. Southard was a member of National Association of Elementary School Principals, Texas Elementary Principal and Supervisors Association, Association of Supervision for Curriculum Development and Denton Public School Administrators Association, where he was president.

He received his bachelor's from the University of North Texas and his master's degree from Texas Woman's University. He had his principal's certification.

His educational career encompassed a lifetime of teaching, coaching, and administration in Gainesville, Lake Dallas, and Denton. He was a teacher and coach in Gainesville, then worked as a middle and elementary school principal for Lake Dallas and Denton ISD until illness forced his retirement in May 2011.

4. REASONS FOR NOMINATION

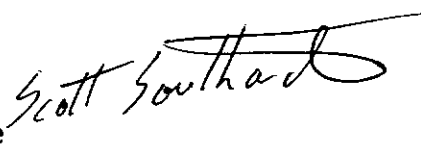
I believe the facility should be named for this (person) (place) (historical event) because:

Rod Southard dedicated his life as an educator and public servant. He touched and influenced countless students, parents, teachers and other staff members in a praiseworthy way. I have met an endless amount of people that Rod Southard have influenced during his life and career and they have all been positive. He is praised and thankful from his students and their parents. He mentored and was admired by teachers and staff.

Rod Southard's admirable service, guidance, superior knowledge and his progressive can do attitude within the educational industry positively affected his students, parents, educators and staff members. In keeping with the highest standards of the Texas Educational School System brings Great Credit upon Himself and the Denton Independent School District.

5. Name(s) of person(s) or supporting group(s) responsible for nomination:

Southard Ronald Scott

Signature 

(Date) 15 December 2013

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This form must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to

(Date) 15 December 2013