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The IB

Learner Profile

provides a long-term vision of education.

It is a set of ideals that can inspire, motivate and focus the work of schools and teachers, uniting them in a common purpose.

IB Learners strive to be:

- Inquirers
- Knowledgeable
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Reflective
- Principled
- Open-minded
- Caring
- Risk-takers
- Balanced

January 24, 2017

HCDE Board of Trustees
HCDE Administration Building
4th Floor
6300 Irvington Blvd.
Houston, TX 77022

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to support and encourage your consideration of naming your facility at 6005 Westview Dr., Houston, TX 77055, in honor of Ms. Ethel Wolfe. I knew Ms. Wolfe for over 15 years before her passing as her principal and friend. She worked as an English teacher at Lamar High School. She was well known and respected by students as a person who always genuinely cared for them. Former students often come back to visit our school or other events and mention her as one of their most memorable instructors. She always took time to know her students and she helped them understand that education would open their world and benefit their lives. As a professional and colleague, she put the best interest of kids first. She was always willing to go above and beyond expectations. She was kind, caring, and a wonderful role model to young people.

Naming buildings in the field of Education is more than simply honoring the memory of someone we admire. It is about making a statement for the future of kids. By this practice, we hold up examples of people to emulate. Often, we think of politicians or others of great notoriety. This is an opportunity to highlight the contributions of a teacher - one who spent her life making a difference each day in the lives of students. I can think of no one better as a model for the lives of young people. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James A. McSwain, Ed.D.
Principal