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To: Board of Education
From: Donald D. Owen, Superintendent
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Re: Facility Naming Recommendation

At the December 16 Board of Education meeting, we presented a report from the facilities naming committee regarding renaming Prairie School in honor of Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr. At the January 6 Board of Education meeting, we presented a "friendly amendment" to the committee's recommendation that envisioned renaming the USD116 property on Washington Street containing the current Prairie School and Urbana Early Childhood School, "The Prairie Campus."

We have polled the facilities naming committee regarding the friendly amendment. All members of the committee, except one individual, were supportive of the idea to rename the land "The Prairie Campus" in order to preserve the name "Prairie."

The USD116 administrative team is respectfully presenting the Board of Education with a recommendation that Prairie Elementary School be renamed "Dr. Preston L. Williams, Jr. Elementary School" and that the USD116 property on Washington Street including the current Prairie School and Urbana Early Childhood School be renamed "The Prairie Campus."