



Recommendation to Rename Peter Burnett Elementary, Kit Carson International Academy, and Sutter Middle School

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Building Equity into our Foundation

SCUSD CORE VALUE

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options.



School names, structures, and symbols that uphold a legacy of racism, oppression and exclusion shall not be tolerated. The names of our schools are powerful symbols of our community values.

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Committee Recommendations

- **Suy:u Elementary** in place of Peter Burnett.
 - Pronounced “suu you”
 - Miwok name for hawk
 - Peter Burnett site leadership engaged their students, communities, and staff to gather recommendations that the principal brought forward to the committee for their consideration. One of those names recommended by the community was Red Tail Hawk Elementary, and the Committee selected that name, but recommended the site use the Miwok name for Hawk instead.
- **Umoja International Academy** in place of Kit Carson.
 - Umoja is the first principle of Kwanzaa and means *to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.*
 - This name was one recommendation by the school community for the committee’s consideration, and the committee selected this option as their recommendation their the Board.
- **Miwok Middle School** in place of Sutter.
 - The Sutter name has been a focal point for the Native community.
 - Sutter staff brought forward Oak Middle School for the Committee’s consideration. However, Committee members did not find the recommendation to be adequately restorative and selected Miwok Middle School instead.

Next Steps

- Officially announce the name changes.
- Record the official name changes with the California Department of Education.
- Identify any immediate site needs to be addressed through routine maintenance.
- Provide trainings for students, staff, and community members so they all can best support the name change efforts.
- Develop larger scopes of work that will be completed next summer.



On behalf of the
SCUSD Renaming Committee,

THANK YOU!