



Gulf Breeze High School

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Santa Rosa County School Board Members,

Please be advised Gulf Breeze High School supports the efforts of Tim Koontz in renaming the football stadium on site in honor of Coach Corky Newman. Coach Newman is held in high regard in the Gulf Breeze Community for his dedication to the school and football program in the late 1970's. Coach Newman recently passed away and the group led by Mr. Koontz feels very strongly about seeking approval to rename the field in Coach Newman's honor. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jason W. Weeks".

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School Board Agenda Request

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April 10, 2013

Santa Rosa County School Board
5086 Canal Street
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RE: Request for placement on April 25th School Board Meeting Agenda

Dear Mr. Wyrosdick:

My name is Tim Koontz, and I am writing to you to request the Facility Names Committee to be convened in order to rename Gulf Breeze High School's Dolphins Stadium to C.L. "Corky" Newman Stadium. The stadium renaming request comes on behalf of the students and athletes that Coach Newman made contact with and influenced during his tenure at Gulf Breeze High School (1976-1983).

The stadium should be renamed after Coach Newman for the following reasons:

- He almost single-handedly opened the stadium for the 1977 Dolphin Football Season with very little budget and a tremendous amount of sweat equity. An example of his ingenious innovation to open the stadium was to have the Santa Rosa Shore Country Club (now Tiger Point Country Club) donate Bermuda grass verti-cuts (rooted grass clippings) to plant the football field and use players as labor to collect and spread the clippings.
- From a football perspective, his first team (1976) was 1-9 then second team (1977) went 9-2, a tremendous accomplishment in the history of Dolphins Football, only superseded by the following 1978 team's record of 10-1, the best record in Dolphins Football history. During the 1977-1979 football seasons, the Dolphins Football program had the highest winning percentage of all the football programs in Northwest Florida, regardless of District classification.
- Last but not least, Coach Newman was first and foremost an Educator; his classroom teaching took a personal priority over his football coaching. More students knew him as Mr. Newman, the teacher, than Coach Newman, the football coach.

Thank you for your time and your help. I look forward to working together in renaming our stadium.