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Facilities Naming Committee Members;

This letter comes as a request to members of the SRCSD Facilities Naming Committee.

As the principal of Milton High School, I am requesting that the Facilities Naming Committee consider renaming the football fieldhouse at Milton High School (MHS) after one of its longtime coaches. Arthur "Mike" McMillion worked in Santa Rosa County for over 25 years. During his tenure he served at Milton High as an assistant football coach, defensive coordinator, assistant basketball coach, head weightlifting coach, and ultimately, as the head football coach for 9 seasons.

During his tenure at MHS, Coach McMillion influenced numerous young men by providing guidance, direction, and leadership. He served as a mentor, role model, and oftentimes, as a father figure. Through his influence, many young men went on to continue their education and athletic careers after high school with four of these athletes actually playing in the National Football League. While all did not have the opportunity to go on to the participate at collegiate or professional levels, countless others were molded into upstanding citizens who now are the backbone of our community.

His head football coaching accomplishments include taking his team to the playoffs for seven seasons, winning three district championships and nine playoff games, taking the 2001 team to the FHSAA Final Four, and compiling an overall 73-38 record. He was named by the Pensacola News Journal as the Northwest Florida Coach of the Year and was also selected to serve as the coach of the Subway All-Star game on multiple occasions. As weightlifting coach, he had numerous athletes qualify for the regional and state weightlifting meets and several who placed at the top of their respective weight classes. He served as an assistant basketball coach for the 1994-95 team that went to the FHSAA Final Four.

After Coach McMillion left Milton High, he transitioned to the position of Dean of Students at Hobbs Middle School for nearly five years. It was while working in this position that he was involved in a traffic accident in which he lost his life. Coach "Mac", as he was affectionately known by his players and co-workers, left an indelible mark on Santa Rosa County and especially Milton High School touching hundreds of lives while serving the county. We feel that

it is only appropriate to recognize his longstanding service by naming the football fieldhouse at MHS after Coach McMillion.

We are requesting that the football fieldhouse at Milton High School be named the Mike "Coach Mac" McMillion Fieldhouse.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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