



March 26, 2018

TO: Tim Wyrosdick, Superintendent
Santa Rosa County School District

FROM: Maria LaDouceur, Principal
Radford M. Locklin Technical Center

SUBJECT: RENAMING OF RADFORD M. LOCKLIN TECHNICAL CENTER

According to the language outlined in School Board Policy 8.55, Naming or Renaming Schools and School Facilities, the School Board shall be responsible for naming or renaming all Board owned facilities. In January, the School Advisory Council voted unanimously to change our name to Radford M. Locklin Technical College. In addition, a survey of the faculty and staff of Radford M. Locklin Technical Center demonstrated strong support of the recommended name change. This change does not affect the governance, accreditation, funding or educational program offerings of the school. We respectfully request that this recommendation to change Radford M. Locklin Technical Center to Radford M. Locklin Technical College be brought before the Santa Rosa County School Board for final approval.

Granting this request would allow us to join more than 40 peer district operated Technical Colleges across the State of Florida offering valuable Career in a Year Post-Secondary Education. With a continued focus on students and employers, we will continue to strive to be the premier provider of high quality, affordable career and technical training to meet the changing needs of Florida's workforce. We are excited about the potential opportunities this name change will have for student access, interest and enrollment in our school. Being named a "Technical College" will enhance our ability to compete with local public and private (for profit) technical schools offering the same post-secondary education and credentials. I am confident this change will allow us to attract a younger demographic of student, including recent high school graduates, to fill the growing gap in high skill, high demand occupations to support both local and regional economic growth. This change will send the message that Post-Secondary Career and Technical Education is valued in Santa Rosa County.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this request.

Thank you.

cc: Charlin Knight, Director of Workforce Education
Santa Rosa County School District