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TO: Valerie S. Wanza, Ph.D., Designee
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SUBJECT: **NAMING OF THE DEERFIELD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
"THORNTON HUMPHRIES GYMNASIUM"**

A representative group of all stakeholders at Deerfield Beach High School unanimously voted to name the Gymnasium "Thornton Humphries Gymnasium."

It is requested that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, consider naming the gymnasium in honor of Thornton Humphries for his years of dedication and service to Broward County Public Schools per School Board Policy 1401. Mr. Humphries, a native of Apalachicola, began his career in Broward County in 1961 as a teacher at Deerfield Park Junior High School. He served as a Dean at Deerfield Beach High School before becoming Assistant Principal. Then he later was named Principal of Rickards Middle School, Deerfield Beach High School and Everglades Middle School.

He served as Director of Secondary Education at the North Area office and ended his career as Central Area Superintendent. The recommended name change does not affect the governance, accreditation, funding, or educational offerings at the school.

The recommended name change will honor Thornton Humphries for his never-ending service to Deerfield Beach High School students, staff, and community. A lifelong learner, he embraced the future as much as he remembered the past. Mr. Thornton Humphries inspired us all to reach our highest potential. Thornton Humphries leaves an immeasurable legacy.