



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Report Number:	236 – 09/10
Date:	February 16, 2010
Subject:	Renaming of South Los Angeles Area New High School #3
Responsible Staff:	
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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action Proposed: Approve the renaming of the school currently known as South LA Area New High School #3 to **Augustus F. Hawkins High School**.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the approval of the naming of South LA Area New High School #3 to **Augustus F. Hawkins High School**.

Background: Board Policy requires that a proposal to rename a school be submitted to the Office of the Chief Operating Officer with appropriate documentation. Upon the approval of the Chief Operating Officer, the proposed name is forwarded to the Board of Education and will become effective upon adoption. A recommendation to rename South LA Area New High School #3 has been brought forward and approved by the Chief Operating Officer.

The South LA Area New High School #3 constituency assisted in the naming process by working directly with elected officials, community based organizations, and parents. At this time, staff is recommending that the South LA Area New High School #3 be named **Augustus F. Hawkins High School**.

Augustus F. “Gus” Hawkins attended schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1926. After completing an undergraduate degree at UCLA and a graduate degree at USC, “Gus” Hawkins worked with the National Youth Administration, established to help youth during the depression.

In 1935 “Gus” Hawkins was elected to the California Assembly where he served with distinction an unprecedented 12 terms. In 1963 he was elected to the United States Congress in 1963, becoming the first African American west of the Mississippi to serve in that body.



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His legislative contributions include establishment of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act, and the formation of the Job Training Partnership Act, changing the social landscape of the country. “Gus” Hawkins devoted considerable time to issues related to education, playing a key role in the passage of legislation which increased –education-related funding and expanding programs for the educationally disadvantaged. In 1986 he brought together civil rights leaders and African American educators from throughout the country and formed the National Council on Educating Black Children.

The construction program undertaken by the Los Angeles Unified School District embodies his commitment to providing programs for the educationally disadvantaged, access to job training for its students and constituents, and ensuring Equal Employment Opportunities within the District. LAUSD programs such as *I Am A Student Exploring Excellence (iSEE)* promote access to careers in architecture, engineering, and construction. The *We Build Program* provides pre-apprenticeship construction training and placement on school district construction projects.

South LA Area New High School #3 is such an LAUSD project and is located in the Congressional District that “Gus” Hawkins served.

Expected Outcomes:

South LA Area New High School #3 will have the permanent name of **Augustus F. Hawkins High School.**

Board Options and Consequences:

If a “no” vote is rendered by the Board of Education, the renaming of the school will be delayed and the selection process will need to be conducted again.

Policy Implications:

The requested action is consistent with Board rules and policy guidelines regarding the renaming of schools.

Budget Impact:

None

Issues/Analysis

None

Attachments:

Informative

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Impact Statement**



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Respectfully submitted,

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- No budget issues
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