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Re: Consideration of a Request for the Pascagoula-Gautier School District

Dear Pascagoula School Board of Trustees,

Every March, the Pascagoula School District celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday. We begin our letter with an excerpt from the beloved children's book author:

I'm quite happy to say,
That the Sneetches got really quite smart on that day,
The day they decided that Sneetches are Sneetches
And no kind of Sneetch is the best on the beaches
That day, all the Sneetches forgot about stars
And whether they had one, or not, upon thars.

Dr. Seuss wrote "Sneetches" in 1961 to teach children about discrimination. He wrote the book to address the subject of diversity and teach children to be fair and treat people equally. This simple children's story reminds us that although the Pascagoula School District is divided by a river, our students are not divided. Our school district students are united in their commitment to academic excellence and should be recognized fairly and equally.

"Nature's Playground!"

The Gautier City Council respectfully requests that the Board act upon the attached resolution in support of amending the name "Pascagoula School District" to "Pascagoula-Gautier School District." Our newly elected Council has approved the attached resolution and stands with the previous Council and our citizens asking that we support such a request. Please know that we are extremely proud of our school district. The Pascagoula School District has served the citizens of Gautier for more than fifty years. At this moment, the school board is investing in our students' future with facility expansions and new programs. The District's academic prestige is essential to the promotion of Gautier for attracting new residents and encouraging economic development.

Thank you for considering this matter. Please feel free to contact any member of the Gautier City Council or Mrs. Samantha Abell (Gautier City Manager) with any questions or comments.

Respectfully,

Gautier City Council

- Gordon Gollott – Mayor _____
- Mary Martin – Councilwoman at Large _____
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