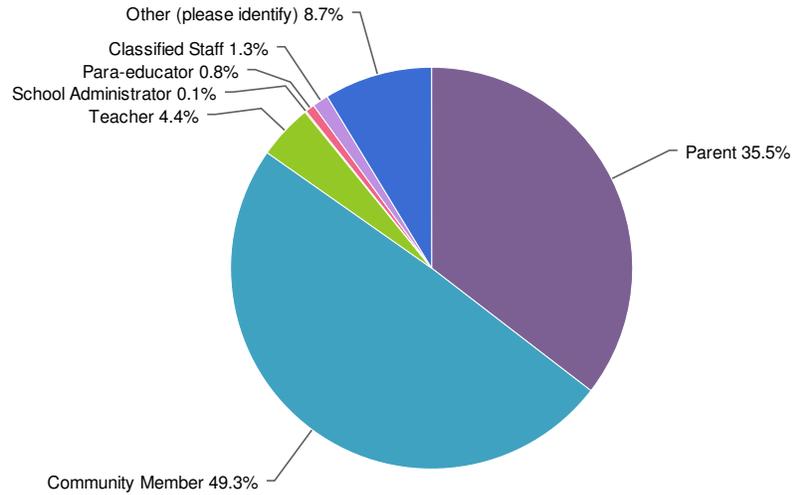


New Summary Report - 13 October 2017

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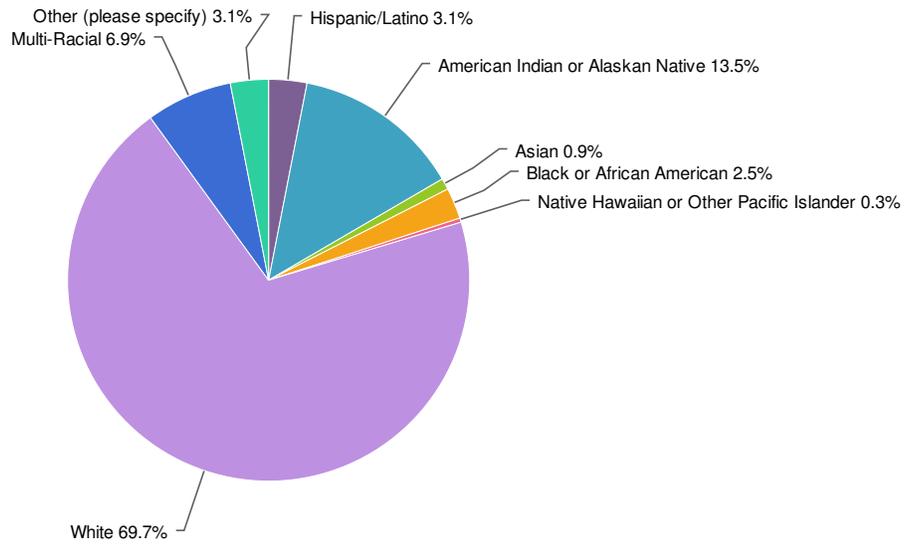
Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Parent	35.5%	330	Total Responses 931
Community Member	49.3%	459	
Teacher	4.4%	41	
School Administrator	0.1%	1	
Para-educator	0.8%	7	
Classified Staff	1.3%	12	
Other (please identify)	8.7%	81	
Totals		931	

Responses "Other (please identify)"	Count
Left Blank	860
1970's student	1
Alumna	1
Alumni	11
Alumni	1
Alumnus	1
Bus driver	1
Citizen/Tax payer	1

Responses "Other (please identify)"	Count
Coach	1
Douglas County Registered Voter	1
Ex student	1
Former Parent	1
Former Student	1
Former Student, community member and former parent	1
Former Teacher/current parent	1
Former assistant principal and principal, 1088-2005.	1
Former student	4
Government Employee	1
Graduate	1
Graduate Student	1
Grandparent of student	1
Grandparent/former parent	1
Grandparents of a fourth grader at Schwegler	1
Haskell Alumni	1
Haskell employee	1
I used to go here	1
LMS and community member	1
Lhs student	1
Local Tax Payer	1
Mom of two graduates of South and grandparent of present student and upcoming student.	1
Native American Educator	1
Native veteran community member	1
No response	1
Parent and alumnus of South	1
Parent, Community Member, Alumni	1
Parent, Community member & Teacher	1
Parent, child is in high school	1
Past student	2
Previus patent	1

Responses "Other (please identify)"	Count
Previous middle school parent	1
SJHS Alumni / Community Member	1
School district member	1
Social Worker	1
Student	1
Student	1
Taught at South for 25 years and still live in Lawrence	1
Tax paying citizen	1
Taxpayer and active voter in all elections	1
Uncle of librarian	1
alumni	2
alumnus	1
ex student	1
fomer student	1
former parent	1
former parent of student	1
former student	1
former studnent	1
home town resident	1
niece/nephew went to South	1
old student.	1
parent and employee	1
parent of 2 former South students	1
parent of former students	1
past parent	1
previous student & current community member	1
retired teacher	1
taxpayer	1

Optional: Please identify your Race and/or Ethnicity

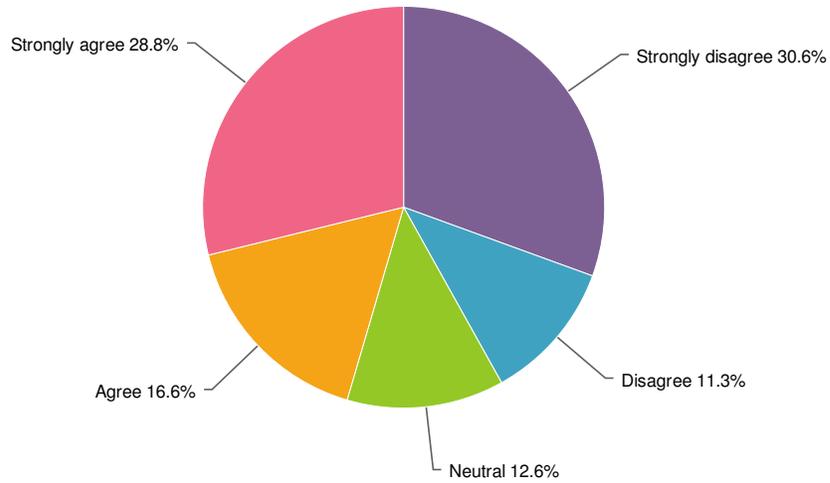


Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Hispanic/Latino	3.1%	27	Total Responses 880
American Indian or Alaskan Native	13.5%	119	
Asian	0.9%	8	
Black or African American	2.5%	22	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3%	3	
White	69.7%	613	
Multi-Racial	6.9%	61	
Other (please specify)	3.1%	27	
Totals		880	

Responses "Other (please specify)"	Count
Left Blank	921
Alaskan Native, Black, white & Hispanic.	1
American	2
Choose to not say	1
Human	1
Jewish	1
Na	1
No	1
Prefer not to answer	1
This is a racist question	1

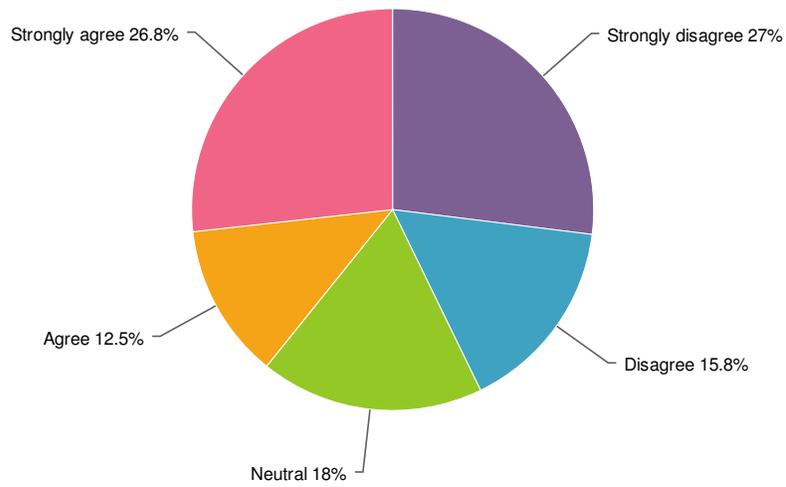
Responses "Other (please specify)"	Count
Turkish	1
White/Black/Native	1
american	1
doesn't matter	1
human	1
italian-american	1
prefer not to answer	1
voting taxpayer	1
white/american indian	1
white?indian	1

1. South Middle School should change the name of the school



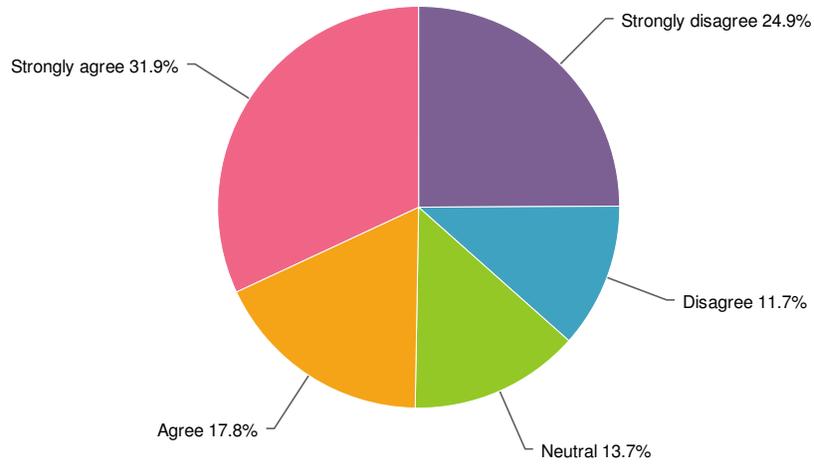
Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
Strongly disagree	30.6%	283	Total Responses	926
Disagree	11.3%	105		
Neutral	12.6%	117		
Agree	16.6%	154		
Strongly agree	28.8%	267		
Totals		926		

2. The current name of South Middle School represents a rich tradition and should remain as is (South Middle School).



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics	
Strongly disagree	27.0%	249	Total Responses	923
Disagree	15.8%	146		
Neutral	18.0%	166		
Agree	12.5%	115		
Strongly agree	26.8%	247		
Totals		923		

3. Changing the name of South will be a positive change for our school and community.



Value	Percent	Count	Statistics
Strongly disagree	24.9%	231	Total Responses 927
Disagree	11.7%	108	
Neutral	13.7%	127	
Agree	17.8%	165	
Strongly agree	31.9%	296	
Totals		927	

4. In what ways can we honor the Native American Culture for donating the land for our school?

Count	Response
1	By renaming the school after a renown native American such as Billy Mills or Jim Thorpe
1	.
1	...
1	1. plaque/painting in prominent location 2. yearly service to native american wet lands, etc.
1	A Memorial Statue thanking the donor
1	A Statue out front
1	A display inside the school A statue outside
1	A memorial in front of the school with a plaque.
1	A monument or plaque seems adequate
1	A mural with the information about it.
1	A name change to notable Haskell alumni or figure in history.
1	A name that means community, togetherness in a native language.
1	A nice plaque would be more than sufficient.
1	A plaque
1	A plaque A statue/ monument Name change Naming the gym Naming the track
1	A plaque at the school could honor this genreous dontation.
1	A plaque or a statue would be one way you could do it
1	A plaque with the history or a marker out front.
1	A plaque, named classrooms or gym, special events (carnival, etc).
1	A sign
1	A sign or a plaque reminding all where the land came from.
1	A sign, statue or plaque.
1	A statue
1	A statue or Rock when you come in
1	A statue, garden, or something at the school and/or the broken arrow park.
1	A tribute within the school
1	Acquire land and build a casino in honor of this fine gesture.
1	Add a rock by the south middle school sign that says land donated by...
1	Add to the name of the school, i.e. - Bill Mills South Middle School.
1	Adding content to courses, display Native artwork, invite Haskell faculty to give presentations.

Count Response

1	All American land was "donated" by Native American Culture.
1	Among the ways- rename the school as requested.
1	Annual appreciation meal to honor the donors.
1	Annual fundraiser, annual recognition, etc.
1	Any sort of recognition where there currently is none. A name change is the least we can do.
1	Artwork/sculpture outside school.
1	As a white person, I don't feel I can adequately speak for Native American people.
1	Ask Native people.
1	Ask members of the Tribe this very question, and be willing to do anything they ask.
1	Ask them and only them directly.
1	Ask them.
1	Billy Mills Middle School!!!!
1	Billy Mills middle school...he attended Haskell, KU and is an Olympic Gold medalist.
1	Billy Mills would be top choice for name
1	Broken Arrow is already named to honor the rich history and tradition and to thank Haskell.
1	Broken arrow is already named in a way that reminds us of this every day
1	Building a monument
1	By changing the name and helping Haskell When they hold events.
1	By changing the name of the school By a once a yr festival of cultures Monument?
1	By changing the name. This is such a great idea!
1	By keeping the name.
1	By naming it after a positive native person or event.
1	By naming the school after a prominent and world renowned graduate of nearby Haskell
1	By naming the school in a way that honors that culture.
1	By naming the school in honor of the donors
1	By not using a Native American caricature.
1	By picking a name that gives honor to the decision to donate the land.
1	By recognizing them. By the name change tells it all.
1	By renaming the school after a Native American.
1	Celebrating indigenous day instead of Columbus Day on Oct 9 yearly
1	Change either the name of the school or the mascots name.

Count Response

1	Change mascot from Cougars to Indians
1	Change mascot not school name
1	Change name of school mascot.
1	Change name of school to Billy Mills
1	Change the name
1	Change the name
1	Change the name of the school that reflects its origins on Indian land.
1	Change the name of the school. Honor & bring awareness to native culture in school activities.
1	Change the name to "SouthWind Middle School" since Kansas is Kanza for Southwind
1	Change the name to Jim Thorpe Middle School
1	Change the name to one honoring a Native American.
1	Change the name to reflect the honor.
1	Change the name you might think of changing the mascot?
1	Change the name.
1	Change the school name
1	Change the school name to Billy Mills Middle School.
1	Change your name to Billy Mills Middle School.
1	Changing the generic name of the middle school is a good start.
1	Changing the name of a school is pointless and should not cost the taxpayers a cent.
1	Changing the name to honor Billy Mills.
1	Choose a name that honors Native American culture
1	Connect with Haskell Indian nations in an exchange or combined events
1	Creative discourse with the community on a potential name change
1	Decorating the inside of the building or changing the landscaping.
1	Dedicate a statue
1	Develop a sitting area for students to utilize, name the garden
1	Did a Culture donate the land? Or was it US government property?
1	Don't care
1	Education
1	Fundraisers
1	Give it a Native American name.

Count Response

1	Great idea. Glad to support!
1	Haskell
1	Have a permanent exhibit prominent inside the school explaining the history.
1	Have a yearly celebration in their honor.
1	Have special activities and days honoring their culture.
1	Having a monthly activity honoring to the Indigenous peoples.
1	Honor their gift by naming it
1	Honor their request to change the name.
1	How about "South Wind Middle School?"
1	I absolutely agree with changing the name! And we should get a statue as well!
1	I don't know
1	I don't know
1	I don't know. I'd have to ask them.
1	I have no strong opinion. Billy Mills would be fine.
1	I like Billy Mills since he is local.
1	I like the suggestion of Billy Mills. Great reflection of our community!!!
1	I think a name change represents the best and most enduring way to do this.
1	I think changing the name of the school is a great first step.
1	I wasn't aware a social construct known as culture was capable of making a donation.
1	I would consult with Haskell students & indigenous staff. Form a committee.
1	If we must change it, name it South Wind Middle School.
1	In the culture and history of the school by teaching the staff, students and community.
1	Include/increase cultural diversity in curriculum.
1	Install Native art around the building.
1	It is already honored by naming the other two school Broken Arrow.
1	It is already! BROKEN ARROW!!!!
1	It is not necessary.
1	It should be named for a Native American who has ties to Lawrence and/or Haskell.
1	Jim Thorpe
1	Jim Thorpe Middle School
1	Landscape the front of the building and donate a statue in their honor.

Count Response

1	Learning about that history in classes
1	Learning more about the Native American culture in classes.
1	Let the Native community name the school.
1	Listen to their requests and honor them.
1	Love to honor our native community and Olympic hero Billy Mills with a name change.
1	Maybe a celebration that includes the Native American community once a year.
1	Monument. Day each year dedicated to celebration.
1	More school and community education events
1	Mural
1	N/A
1	N/a
1	Name a part after the tribe or tribes
1	Name change Statue Native American Hall of Fame (Re)Name the Library/Gym/etc
1	Name change to Kickapoo middle school
1	Name change. A plaque that lists names of those involved.
1	Name football field, track, garden area.
1	Name it Billy Mills!
1	Name it Schoolie McSchoolface
1	Name it after a Famous Influential Native, like Jim Thorpe/ Sitting Bull/ Crazy Horse
1	Name it after a famous local Native American, but don't jumble up the name like Central.
1	Name it after a prominent Native American or locally identified tribe.
1	Name it for Columbus
1	Name school after Billy Mills
1	Name that relates to the gift given the school.
1	Name the gym or football stadium after a Native American.
1	Name the school after Charles Curtis.
1	Name the school after a Haskell alum.
1	Name the school after a Native American, Billy Mills
1	Name the school after a notable Haskell alumni.
1	Name the school after a prominent Native American.
1	Name the school after an American hero.

Count Response

1	Name the school after their tribe.
1	Name the school in a way that directly connects it with the Native community.
1	Naming it after someone that has dedicated their life to Haskell and the community
1	Naming the school after a Native American
1	Naming the school after a Native American who has ties to Lawrence as well.
1	Naming the school after the Native Americans.
1	Naming the school for a person venerated by the local First Nations community, living or dead.
1	Naming the school in honor of them
1	Native name
1	Native name Photos of donors in the entrance
1	New name Permanent art--either inside the school or out or both. Permanent signage
1	No need to.
1	None, Leave it the same. It goes with all the other school names in Lawrence. DO NOT CHANGE IT
1	Not necessary
1	Not sure.
1	Other than change the school name, I don't have many ideas. How about a mural?
1	Pay them back with money
1	Perhaps ask the Native American community what they deem appropriate.
1	Perhaps the school name could be a Native American word for South.
1	Place a statue of a Native American on property with a plaque about land donation.
1	Plaque Name change lesson plans focused on historical connection
1	Plaque at the school.
1	Plaque in the entry way. It is ridiculous to do more for something that happened so long ago.
1	Plaque on the front of the building or on the sculpture in front
1	Plaque on the wall
1	Plaque or signage
1	Plaque or statue
1	Plaque/statue with information about how, when, and why the land was given.
1	Poorly worded question, the culture donated?
1	Post materials (plaque, informational poster) in the entryway that tell this story.
1	Pow wow assemblies

Count Response

1	Providing a nature learning area for students.
1	Providing more education on Native Culture and history.
1	Put a plaque in the front walkway of the school honoring their contribution.
1	Put a plaque on the school wall or build a brick walkway or road and give it a memorial
1	Remember those done this deed.
1	Rename South Middle school Pelathe.
1	Rename all schools donated by Haskell Institute to honor Native American role models.
1	Rename the gymnasium
1	Rename the school to reflect the use of Native American land.
1	Rename the school, educate staff/students/community members about the native culture
1	Rename the school.
1	Renaming Opening
1	Renaming South is an excellent way to do so!
1	Renaming the school in honor of the Indigenous Populations.
1	Renaming the school to reflect that
1	Respect for the culture
1	School name is a good start.
1	Signage (plaques, statues, literature)
1	Signage.
1	Since it was 50 years ago, a plaque should be sufficient.
1	Some type of statue or architectural structure that would honor that culture.
1	South should be given a name that reflects the strong, giving nature of Native American people.
1	Statue
1	Statue in the front of the school.
1	Statue or some type of artwork.
1	Statute or a space to dedicate to them
1	Strengthen the community connections by changing the name of the school.
1	Teach the history of the school to the students.
1	That is the most idiotic idea I've seen in this community lately
1	The first step is acknowledging the contributions.
1	The most appropriate choice would be to rename the school after a Haskell alumnus.

Count Response

1	The name change could do the honor.
1	The name change. More events that involve interactions with Haskell.
1	There are many ways which have been suggested to admin multiple times.
1	This is a good beginning
1	This is a wonderful idea!
1	Through ACTIONS not token name changes.
1	Totem pole
1	Tribute in School hallway
1	Unknown
1	Unknown
1	WTF?
1	We already did: Broken Arrow Elementary
1	We already have a name that serves this cause in the Broken Arrow Elementary School.
1	We can change the name to reflect out thankfulness for the donated land.
1	We can continue our equity work and strive to ensure that all students are treated equally.
1	We have already done so with the name of broken arrow for the elementary school
1	We should ask Haskell how we can honor their donation and support of education in Lawrence.
1	Why are you making this a race thing?! Ridiculous
1	Why can't it be named Broken Arrow Middle school?
1	Why should you honor them?
1	With a memorial or statue. Annual celebrations.
1	Write a thank you note
1	Yes
1	You can't be serious
1	adding purple to our gold and black colors
1	by changing its name to honor a prominent Native American with Lawrence roots.
1	by just being good humans and celebrate life,not change.
1	change it to something that encompasses a broader spectrum, maybe not just one person's name.
1	change the name of the school and try to be accepting to minorities
1	have a greater partnership with Haskell
1	having a culture class

Count Response

1	name the school after a Native American
1	salute them
1	the name would be good for honoring the native american culture.
1	too little too late name something new for the native americans like a bike way
1	uhm broken arrow already did. no need for south to change itself for something.
1	Renaming the school on the 'donated' land would be a good start. But there are other ways such as including natives in our local history and programs in the city and in the city museum and library.
1	I think changing the name to something or some body that reflects our rich Native American history and culture is a very positive action. I would have marked "strongly agree" on changing the name but I don't know all the issues impacting that action and it is ultimately the "Boards" decision to make after an informed deliberation. With the presence of Haskell in our community, I think anything we do that will honor and support that history and relationship is a good thing, particularly given the violence and deceitful actions the white majority culture has perpetrated against our native Americans. I would suggest that Haskell in some way have part in coming up with a name that would serve to honor and educate us on the contributions of someone we might not readily recognize but may be well known to native Americans. While I appreciate the skills and prowess of Native American athletes, I suspect there are others that might have made a significant contribution to the Native American community that might have served to better all of us in the cause of making all Lawrencians more inclusive of all of its citizens.
1	There are lots of other ways to do that. You can do shows, plays, gatherings, displays, art works, etc. Let everyone know in those ways and not by just changing the name.
1	Incorporate native American history, culture, health, and socioeconomics into curriculum. Have a special field day, assembly with guest speakers, school dance, or celebrate a special holiday.
1	Change the name of the school as a way to honor the land donation. This would be similar to what we see in athletics, education, etc. of individuals and/or corporations who make a donation and the result is the naming building/facility in their honor.
1	Rename to show acknowledgement of the space and the Native community that donated it. Promotion of Native history and sacrifices is progressive and the right thing to do.
1	Install native artists work on campus, invite native people to share their stories with students, etc.
1	Already done it with Broken Arrow school and park. Maybe just some addition signage connecting them.
1	I am in no way qualified to speak on behalf of a Native American group. I would imagine that speaking to the group that donated the land in the first place and gaining their perspective would be the most beneficial.
1	I don't think the name change is necessary at all. The current names of the school are fine the way they are. They are not offensive to anyone and do not favor any certain person or group of persons over another. You will not be able to please everyone with a name change. And unless you are willing to take this challenge on for every school, you shouldn't do it for any school. However if this is approved, parents/community members need to fundraise 100% and absorb the full burden of costs associated with a name change (signage, letterhead, forms, rubber stamps, uniforms, bank accounts, checks, everything!) and all the funds should be raised before any change. Did this on-line survey cost anything? If so, who paid for it? The school district shouldn't waste one single dollar for something that isn't a necessity. No taxpayers funds should be involved. If this name change is approved, other schools will want their name changed as well and how much will this unnecessary change cost the taxpayers.
1	Instead of renaming the school, we could rename other areas in the school such as the football field, gym, auditorium, or library. This would recognize several of the people on the list instead of just one. Maybe something like a cultural week during which the students could learn about the different tribes in Lawrence.
1	I think changing the school's name to honor South's Native American students and history would be a good place to start.

Count Response

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- 1 The name changes mentioned in the fact sheet, do not fill automatically represent Native American culture for someone who does not understand who those people are in regards to our community. It would seem that a name change should be identified with something more easily recognizable as native American history to make the greatest impact. Take broken arrow elementary school for example it is quite suggestive of native to American history to anyone driving by.
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- 1 Was it donated? I thought most of the land in America that was "donated" was in fact "taken-" either way, don't rename the school something ethnic in the hopes of appeasing a Native American community. That seems racist. If you want to help out the Native community, repurpose Columbus Day into something less terrible and approving of genocide. Raise money for Haskell, start a food/clothing bank for Native students. There are better, more concrete ways to honor a demographic than renaming a school, particularly one which is attended by a majority of white students.
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- 1 Leavenworth School District has gone through multiple restructurings, including a district-wide rebranding to the Pioneers. Even with this "inspirational" change, their district continues to have low test scores and poor retention. How would changing the name of South be any different?
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- 1 I think that there is no such thing as a Native American Culture. I imagine that there are as many cultures as there are tribes, hundreds in the Americas. We can honor Native Americans by working harder for Native American students. We could also name the school for Jim Thorpe...but perhaps there is a person with closer ties to Lawrence or Kansas?
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- 1 I am discouraged by the layout of this questionnaire. By this layout, it appears to me that the school is showing a bias toward not having a name change. Change the name!
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- 1 Erect a statue or place a plaque at the school, name the gymnasium or football field in a manner that honors Native Americans. Changing the name of the school disrespects the thousands of us who attended South Middle School, by taking away the students' heritage.
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- 1 Embrace ethnic background through activities, research, guest speakers, presentation, do events in conjunction with Haskell University
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- 1 Native American Prep Rally? A Statue of something Native American on the land that tells the story how they donated the land?
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- 1 Give back to them as much as possible and respect their rights that were stripped from them several years ago.
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- 1 Continue to provide opportunities to showcase Native American culture during assemblies and other school wide functions
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- 1 -How about exploring potential connections with the National Museum of the American Indian (educational opportunities, internships, curriculum enrichment activities for teachers, etc. If a plan were developed, I bet funds could be raised to support an ongoing program.) -How about some internship programs with Haskell programs? Junior high isn't too early to involve students in cultural and educational explorations that would both help with building cultural goodwill and career exploration for both Indian and non-Indian students. -Maybe some clubs at the middle school could act as "development leagues" for creating a more sustainable support system for Indian culture/presence at the high school level. -both Central and West have native prairie restoration efforts--I'm not aware that South has that, and yet it would be the most obvious place to have one with the Wetlands Discovery Center so close by. It seems that there is still a lot of suspicion and negativity around the restored wetlands from segments of the native community due to the long conflict over the South Lawrence Trafficway, and perhaps, just perhaps South Middle School could play a role in healing some of that wound by doing some collaboration in a prairie restoration project that involves Haskell, Baker and South faculty and students.
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- 1 Has anyone done a cost estimate on all the changes?? I would guess it would be more than the group wanting this change can raise.
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- 1 This should be taught and discussed with the students in several of their required courses. It can also be proudly displayed and have an "museum-type" area immediately inside the front doors explaining the land donation and the beginnings of the school. Perhaps there should be one day designated where this history is celebrated within South Middle School.
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Count Response

1	Changing the name to a positive outlook on natives, such as renaming it Jim Thorpe middle school or other great native role models who went to school at Haskell. Do not have a mascot that represents redskins or any other Derogatory term for natives, or do not have caricatures of native mascots such as those of the Chicago Indians baseball team. PLEASE provide more education on the history of the native peoples because there is a large misrepresentation in our current history books that do not provide accuracy to what actually happened. The history of native Americans have been largely overlooked in the school systems because of how much injustice was done to them. I know people do not want to think ill of the U.S. and how it got started but it is something that cannot be forgotten. You have plenty of opportunities to teach these young kids the history of their land, do not miss this chance. Another way to honor this culture is to teach the young kids about what is happening today with these many different nations. Most people think that natives are extinct or they still live in primitive times, educate them on how we have advanced, how Haskell, KU and Lawrence as a whole have taught the public about the native culture by providing powwows, fairs and events and even changing Coulumbus day to Indigenous People's Day. This is something that should be taught!!!
1	Maintaining the land (keeping it clean, having students volunteer for trash pick up in the area behind the school, etc.)
1	Start educating the kids. Concentrate on on math, grammar, science. Leave the feel good Political Correctness to others.
1	What about installing some sort of "historical marker" or perhaps a statue of an important N.A's. Perhaps there are some Native Americans who attended South and who have done interesting/important things and could speak at the school? Perhaps STUCO funds not used for funding entrance sign could be used for this?
1	A statue or monument that specifically addresses the donation would be more helpful to honor the Native American Culture for the donation of land. A name change will honor a specific person not the donation.
1	Honor them by naming the school after a well-known, honorable & prominent Native American role model
1	I don't see how changing the name of a school will do anything to change the culture of this town or its people.
1	By teaching kids about the diversity of Native American cultures so we get away from "Indian" stereotypes. And, by renaming the school First Nations Middle School. That name, in my opinion, does a lot more justice to the tremendous diversity of North American indigenous peoples than naming the school after one man. It is unfortunate that all the name options are just individuals, and all are men.
1	I like the idea of changing the name to honor the BIA for the gift of the school. I am not sure about using an individual's name unless it was specific to the gift. Knowing Lawrence, I believe that people will still refer to the school as South (people still use Central) so maybe that could be included somehow? I do like honoring the people that have donated the land.
1	Please, please, please look past the moment!!! The signage is the LEAST of the expense in a name change! And you mentioned that the sports attire will need to be changed NOT BY YOUR FUNDRAISING. Not everything good is done by a click of the keyboard. There are costs that folks just don't realize until after the fact. Since equality is the issue, have you considered that many other schools will want their name changed if South can have its name changed? Name the track and field after an important person; and have PRIVATE funds put up a statue and PRIVATE funds (non-taxpayer money) name the track and football field and the cafeteria and maybe even the library. And have a reading room designated to Native American Culture so the students can actually use it to study and further their education. I vote, I pay taxes (of which you seem to raise frequently) and I am very disappointed learning that you truly think going to the great expense of name-changing is going to be an easy fix. Principal Jones did not return my call or respond to the voice mail when I called the day after this name-changing issue was in the newspaper. How is changing the name truly going to honor the Native American Culture? If the land was truly a donation, plaques placed in various places in and around the school would probably get more proper attention than changing the school's name. Actually, renaming the football/track field and having the proposed names on the scoreboard would bring really bright attention if it were a lighted scoreboard! I know I'd notice that much more than a school's name. Please know that my concerns are the initial and tidal wave costs of ANY name change... this has nothing to do with any specific group!!!! And my main concern is for our tax money providing a good education for the students including good teachers and supplies! ALL LIVES MATTER to all life's matters!
1	By changing the name of the school, spreading more information about native culture, and making people understand what white-washing is!

Count Response

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- 1 Changing the name from south middle school to something that honors and represents the Native Americans contribution to the city, state and United States is only fair. Renaming it after a notable Native American scholar, warrior, or athlete would be very fitting.
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- 1 You are opening a big can of worms with this. It is going to cause division, not unity. How can you even consider doing one ethnic group and not honor the others equally in anyway? Why make South stick out from the other middle schools? Broken Arrow park already tells the story, doesn't it?
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- 1 The land donation is already being honored by the Broken Arrow name at the Elementary school and the park surrounding South on both sides. Your flyer contradicts itself. The land was donated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs NOT Haskell. You have stated the land donation correctly but the "1968" box is NOT the correct information. If you honor a certain culture with one of the four schools, what other cultures will you represent for the others? How will you "honor" Hispanics, African Americans, Asians, etc, etc, etc! You will have to then discuss the options of renaming ALL of the schools without enough schools to go around to honor every culture represented in Lawrence. You will be opening a Pandora's Box! A complete waste of money to "re-brand" everything. You will never get the funds raised! There are too many other organizations and disaster relief funds trying to raise money for legitimate needs to waste MY money on "re-branding" school. I also disagree with making South the ONLY school without a directional name. It breaks the continuity of the Middle Schools in town. I'm sorry, but the "South Cougars" can only be the "South Cougars", not the "Jim Thorpe Cougars". It just makes no sense and sounds completely silly. In addition, how do you choose between the Native tribes? You will be creating a division with that decision alone! I strongly disagree with this! I suggest you do some research on the history of Haskell University. Lots of racism and bad feelings attached to it. Not sure we want our school associated with that racist history! I also believe that South has more African American students than Native American students. Why are we isolation ONE ethnicity over another? That is NOT unity! I understand the necessity of listening to a community suggestion, but I also feel like the public and especially the South families need to be listened to as well. I'm not sure you will find the support you are seeking for this silliness.
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- 1 My sons went to South and we have guest lectured at Haskell. Pairing some of the great Haskell students with students/activities at South and vice versa. Helps to get over stereotypes
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- 1 The ways are endless. Many cultures are honored by school names such as Cordley, Langston Hughes, etc. Start there South.
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- 1 Name the school after an Indigenous leader from a tribe in Kansas - Kickapoo KS, Sac-n-Fox, or Prairie Band Potawatamie,
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- 1 Native American club could actively promote recognition. There could be a display at the entrance to the school promoting the history that could change periodically. Even better if it were done by Student Council being advised by Native Americans about the content. Not only would that keep the display fresh but would give the students real life experiences with Native Americans.
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- 1 I'm part Native American myself but I don't understand why this is an issue 50 years later. Why wasn't this done when the land was originally donated. I personally don't think changing the name of the school is what we need. We could have a hallway dedicated to Native American history thanking tribes, display a plaque give Haskell a plaque thanking them but I don't think a school name change is necessary.
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- 1 I think we should let the students of South help choose the name. Give them some options to let them decide. Our native peoples greatest legacy is the amazing children they bring into our world. These generations that white men tried to steal from them. Give these children a voice. It is their home. They are our future. Stop letting old men in suits with their old ideals decide how future generations express themselves.
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- 1 Give me break, what will be the cost of this name change, money that would be better spent in the classroom!
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- 1 Changing name of school to honor native Americans and respect the Haskell school for their past donations of that land.
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- 1 This only severs the needs of a minority. Conservatives want us to divide ourselves along racial lines. Stop.
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Count Response

1	Integrate accurate Native American history, government, art/music, literature, and sports into the curriculum. Seek the assistance from local Native American teachers/educators to help with developing the curriculum and/or guest instruct. Also, develop a scholarship or an award for Native American students to be bestowed in areas of success/improvement in academics and attendance. Honoring Native People's Day in place of Columbus Day for ALL students as a valuable teaching component to support the unification of diversity among all students.
1	There are so many other ways to honor the Native American culture besides changing the name of the school. Please stick with tradition and leave it as South!!!
1	Take money that would be wasted on renaming the school and spend it on improving my kids education. Better educating my child honors the proud tradition of my people more than a name. Spend money on education not meaningless name changes. My girls don't need a name change to feel proud of who they are. It belittles them to think changing a name is what drives them to succeed.
1	Events sponsored jointly with the Native American Community would be a way to support. Gain further knowledge and research ways to give back to the community
1	By changing the name to a native american man who possesses a great character and positive influences for the young growing up in Lawrence.
1	1. In my opinion, this is a leading question survey. 2. Changing South Middle School's name in reverence to Native American cultures would be an honor. Federally, Lawrence KS has been home to Native American Nation's since 1884. Lawrence KS the landscape of Haskell is heavily regarded throughout "Indian Country." Changing the name to honor Native American culture would have far reaching results.
1	When something is given as a gift ownership is given away. The recipient is free to use the gift as they see fit. All middle school names indicate the section of town they serve. I feel each family should be responsible for instilling pride in their children. Our family talks with our children explaining procedures and reasons why things are accomplished at certain times and in certain ways. If parents of Native American students at South feel it necessary to honor their culture then organize a cultural group to discuss Native issues and opportunities among the students. Appoint a sponsor and maybe name a room for the students to assemble.
1	Improved education on the positive aspects of Native American history, their beliefs, and culture. Special emphasis on how to incorporate these attributes into modern/western society.
1	Changing the name to one of those suggested that honor a distinguished Native American with a Haskell association while incorporating the time-honored "South" would be a fitting tribute. Some suggested names include: Jim Thorpe, Billy Mills, John Levi, Henry Roe Cloud The name might be Jim Thorpe South Middle School or Billy Mills South Middle School, etc.
1	Just like with ANY culture - we need to learn and teach what we have learned to our students. Bring in community members from ALL cultures to educate our student body about the diverse culture of all our students.
1	Naming of an athletic field or venue, like the auditorium like other middle schools in the district. Renaming South will lead our community down the same divisive path we are currently heading down.
1	Find a way to honor them without changing name. It would be weird to have west southwest central, and then a school with a name nothing like the others.
1	Name the school for a contributing Native American community member. A native prairie area. A statue honoring sacred grounds that are near the school. Teaching diversity and historical context to how the school Land came to be donated.
1	We already honor it with the heritage of the school and assemblies through out the year along with broken arrow being a part of the campus.
1	I'm very much in favor of naming the school after a prominent Native American with ties to our community. Billy Mills would be great.

Count Response

1	A name change of the school honoring a person of Native American heritage would be an amazing step for Lawrence, and for the school. It would help Native American students feel more confident and help educated non-Native students about the rich history and traditions behind Native American culture and the important lessons to be learned from Native American history.
1	Change the name to honor the myriad rich contributions of Indigenous cultures to the history of Lawrence.
1	Billy Mills would be my choice for a name change. Not only does he have an inspirational story, but he continues to this day to be a motivational speaker and in inspiration to many.
1	We have done enough. The fight over the Baker Wetlands cost the taxpayers enough. The Native American Culture is well represented in that area.
1	Renaming the school to "Billy Mills" middle school south would be an awesome way. whichever native name you choose could be in the parenthesis.
1	Re-naming the school is an excellent idea and is one way to honor the contribution of the Native American community that has given back to the entire community. All for it!
1	Money needs to be spent so all students have BOOKS, p Substitute teachers and para-educators are underpaid and raises are nonexistent. The word SOUTH is not offensive and fits w the directional themed names of the other MS. Have a community potluck dinner, Talk about and honor the native american culture. Do not just dwell on the past and atrocities. It creates division and resentment, We are all Americans and in this together. Accentuate the positive.Do not gloss over past wrongs but also do not wallow in them.Do not encourage children to see themselves as victims.
1	Educate the students about the facts. Talk about it during history class. Leave the social advocacy efforts out of the classroom.
1	I think Billy Mills would be a great role model and is a great idea for a name, although I would likely support any name change that proudly supports the Native American history and culture that makes Lawrence and even more unique place that it already. A close friend of mine works at Perdue University and has worked with Billy Mills personally for a number of years. He's told me stories about how Lawrence was divided and Natives weren't allowed in certain parts of town. When Mr. Mills went to KU the dividing line was still in place and his attendance at KU was complicated to say the least - all the more reason why he would be a great namesake.
1	Instead of focusing on changing the name, how about the district/school focus on providing their teachers with better support, and getting parents more involved with their children's education? That is the root of the problem.
1	Name the school in honor of the Native American culture.The name "Kansas" is a Siouan Indian word and it comes from the tribal name Kansa, which means "south wind people." Name school People of South Wind M.S.
1	Have the Students at the College and Career Center create a permanent tribute of some sort to put in front of the school. DO NOT change the name. Liberty Memorial Central Middle School is one of the worst name changes to a school, ever. DO NOT repeat negative history.
1	I'm not qualified to say, but I would put it up to that community to suggest names that they feel honor their heritage.
1	Rename the school. When any changes in structure, décor, come up, have input from a Native American artist.
1	This school is rich in tradition and it would be unfortunate to change that because a request of a few. How much will it cost to change the name- letterhead, sports uniforms, etc..
1	I think an indigenous name would be good. What tribe donated the land?? Or a word that means learning center.
1	In my opinion, I believe changing the name of the school to honor Native American culture would be a positive move. However, I'm not in favor of the suggested names. If we are going to name the school after a specific person of Native American descent, it would make to me that we name the school after someone that was a driving force behind donating the land to the school district. Otherwise, I think it would be appropriate to come up with a more general, non-person-specific, name for the name changing.

Count Response

1	Honor the earth: reduce waste (including food waste) and recycle as much as possible. Rename the school after an Indian tribe or a local/ notable American Indian woman.
1	-Changing the name of the school to honor the Native American tribe or a local tribe. -Teach more classes on the history of Indigenous people in the United States, working with some great Native educators we have in the area. -Being an example when it comes to issues affecting indigenous people today like the DAPL
1	I would start a scholarship for an outstanding South Middle School Graduate with Native American heritage in honor of the donated land. Instead of fundraising for the name change, fundraise to help students further their education. This scholarship could be given either at 8th grade recognition or when they graduate from High School.
1	Ideas: 1) Host-guest speakers from HINU during November (Native American month) 2) Set-up, a display (with information, pictures, books, etc.) in the school's library 3) Engage with the HINU Cultural Center
1	Honoring the culture and contribution of the Native American populace of the Lawrence KS community by naming the middle school in their honor.
1	Name the school after a local Native American. Someone who grew up in Lawrence, KS and went on in life to do great things for our community and/or beyond while representing the Native American Culture. This could be the start of a tradition...naming each of the middle schools after a historical Lawrence community member.
1	The land wasn't donated by the Native American Culture. It was donated by the BIA which was controlled by white politicians. This is dishonest on many levels.
1	Naming the school after a native american with connections to Haskell Indian Nations University or its predecessor schools. Personally, I would choose Billy Mills.
1	South has Native American Clubs, we have had assemblies honoring the customs/cultures of Native Americans. In the past we have had recognition at Haskell so that the South family can see how grateful for the partnership.
1	This is a confusing question as if the name change is not going to take place. Based on this question and how the school worded/ordered the questions, I believe this administration is again working against something that recognizes our school and community is made up of more than white people. Why is the administration always positioning itself to be against its minority students, parents and staff?
1	Name the auditorium, library, or gym a name of their choice and let them help decorate, hold a yearly pow-wow and bonfire at the school on a Saturday night and educating students and families about Native American Culture, let them place a statue out front with an educational plaque
1	Some type of memorial on the school property but the school name should remain the same as it is currently.
1	Perhaps an Indigenous Peoples Appreciation Week or something like that. Or a fundraiser with proceeds going toward Haskell or a scholarship for Haskell.
1	Ongoing partnership with HINU, establish an annual festival to honor Native American Culture, Support Native American Culture with display of visual arts throughout the school and with the selection of musical and performing arts in school curricula, develop a collaborative relationship with HINU to extend learning opportunities for middle school student, work with city planners and HINU to explore options to improve and enhance the natural and built environmental boundaries between HINU land and the middle school properties.
1	Have a designated day for Native Americans, plant and grow food for middle.school children and families, have a Native American club
1	If we change the name of 1 school in Lawrence, then they all should change. The district's middle schools are all a direction and to change that would be silly. There are other schools in town that have multiple ethnicity's. Changing the name for 1 ethnic group is only going to set up others to resent the change!

Count Response

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- 1 Put a statue in front of the school. Name the cafeteria, or field or auditorium in honor of someone. But do not change the name of the school. All the middle schools are a location. Changing one differentiates it from the others. Opening a can of worms!
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- 1 I don't think I can answer this. I believe this question would be better answered by the Native American Community. Please do NOT rename the school.
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- 1 In reading the Lawrence Journal-World article today, I see comments about the cost of the name change. The land was donated to Lawrence residents for the school. Changing the name seems like a very small price to pay when weighed against what all of us in Lawrence have received in return. Countless grads, like myself, have benefitted from attending what was formerly South Junior High School. We need to honor the Native American culture in our community and the commitment of Haskell to Lawrence by taking the simple move of changing the name of the middle school.
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- 1 Include education about Haskell's land donation somewhere in SMS's curriculum. Modify or add to curriculum that educates students on how Native culture and people are alive and well today, not just in an historical perspective.
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- 1 The city shouldnt of built a school there. It was donated to make a park . Should of left it a park. The city should apologize not the school district.
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- 1 Such honor is inherent in the history and vibrant culture of South Middle School, historically and futuristically.
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- 1 More schools, streets, and parks should be named with Native American people or symbols. At the very least Billy Mills should be honored in some additional way. Thanks for giving me an opportunity to write.
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- 1 What name will Southwest and West be changed to? Liberty Middle School has a previous history of using the name "Liberty". The other middle schools have always been named for their location in Lawrence, Not named after someone. The grade schools have been named after people, if you want to lower the middle schools to elementary status then start naming them after people.
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- 1 I would suggest honoring the tribes (or one of the tribes) who originally inhabited this land. Or one of the tribes that were relocated here & lived on Lawrence's land. Before Lawrence was established here, the land belonged to reservations. Settlers illegally settled here & were able to stay here because the government didn't enforce the law. Then the government more formally changed over possession of the land to the whites in the area. Honoring the tribes who lost their land several times over would be a fantastic starting point in the process of considering alternate names for the school. The fact that the battle against the SLT was so nearby to the school is also a point of interest. Now "south" is negatively associated with that highway. South Middle School is no longer the farthest south development. South is also a bland choice when compared to other possible names. Central has diverged a little from the cardinal direction naming system previously observed in LPS. This is the perfect time to consider this name change. First & foremost, involve Haskell in it. Haskell should also consider a name change (I'm a Haskell alum). They should also change their name because Haskell is a white man's last name. Mascot too- Haskell needs to change that. By South Middle School involving Haskell in the name change, perhaps this will influence Haskell to consider a similar name-change. Also, perhaps South could coordinate with Broken Arrow's name. There are many tribal stories related to hunting, which could be a useful & creative place to draw name inspiration from. There are additionally many native plants & animals near the campus, which would also offer good name choices. Involving Haskell will help with brainstorming these options. Commemorating the lost wetlands in some way would be honorable. I could write for a long time about this very idea. As someone who is from Lawrence, I see this as a golden opportunity for South to lead the way in many changes Lawrence could really use. My time attending South was a wonderful time, as it had more minority students & I fit in. The instructors treated me like a human being. I am not surprised this school is considering honoring American Indian/Alaskan Native cultures in it's name choice. One critique- the term is "American Indian" these days, & legally speaking "American Indian/Alaskan Native" is the wholly correct term. And perhaps what you mean by "Native American Culture" is "Pan-Indian Culture" or "Pan-American Culture". If you would like to discuss further, or if I can in any way help with researching or connecting to Haskell, let me know. My email is alexandria.kimball@gmail.com. Thank you!
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- 1 Awareness week, integration into the curriuculm. This is also ridiculous. Why cannot we have the school named after an African American individual as there are more black student then native Americans
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- 1 Communicating with local tribal members, including those at Haskell. Honor a tribal member by naming the school after a notable tribal member and change ALL mascot depictions from stereotypical "Indian" images to something more appropriate.
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Count Response

1	You could change the name of the school. You could partner with Haskell and offer cultural events for the middle school.
1	I know this doesn't answer your question, but, it has already changed from South Jr High School to South Middle School so what is the difference? Since this will probably happen (and yes I have Native American blood), if you want to honor the Native American Culture you could plant vegetation around the school in gardens to show how they lived off of the land, trees that were useful and statues/monuments of how the Culture used the animals of the land without waste.
1	It use to be an honor when students would run their course through Haskell prior to allowing the wetlands to take over. It was an opportunity to teach students about where the land came from and heritage of how the land was used.
1	Thank you for bringing this forth. This is an opportunity to develop a school identity that means something to our students, parents, teachers - and community. Very exciting!
1	A statue, memorial or a name change that still includes south (much like Centrals change to Liberty Memorial Central)
1	There is already Broken Arrow on the same gifted land that gives honor to the land donation. Perhaps if more is requested the Art Department could have the students create a mural somewhere inside or outside. A spot that comes to mind is where the school has a patio area next to the wooded area.
1	collaborate with Haskell to discuss programs or groups that could be implemented at the school that would be representative of the culture of the native people of the region
1	Why do they need recognition for a donation that occurred over 50 years ago with land that was donated by the Swanson family 100 years ago?
1	Build a statue/or memorial to bring attention to it and have a sign or board that talks about the history of the Native American Culture and their donation for the school.
1	Name the school in honor of a local First Nations historic person. Billy Mills would be a great option. Blue Jacket might be another idea.
1	By naming it after someone or an entity from the Native American community instrumental in donating the land or in education.
1	By a name change is a start. Id like to nominate as well Archie Hawkins. Huge roll at Haskell, well known and admired. I have a lot more information if he would be considered as a nominee.
1	Maintaining current relations with Haskell and ask the Native community what they would like to do with the school. The school used to do assemblies honoring native cultures. Changing the name does Not represent All Native cultures by any means.
1	By giving the school a name that represents the children who lived, learned, and worked at Haskell.
1	I don't remember is the track, gym or other areas in the school have been named but I think that would be a great place to honor the donation.
1	Changing the name of the school is a good start. Also teach more accurate American History about the genocide that was perpetrated on the First Nations people.
1	Are you trying to be KU? If I give x amount of money or land will you name something after me? How does naming a building really honor someone? At some point in the future it will be torn down, then what? This survey really needs to be structured better, it's just smoke and mirrors trying to force the issue.
1	Statues of several leaders in the Native American community, who they were, what they did, etc. on school grounds. Native artwork in the entrance lobby.
1	The first step would be to acknowledge the diversity of cultures within the peoples native to this continent, instead of referring to it as "the Native American Culture," which doesn't exist. My understanding is that the federal government donated the land, not "the Native American Culture."

Count Response

1	A garden area with a nice big plaque about the donation from Haskell to South. It could have benches to enjoy the land it's on with plants and flowers surrounding it. It could have small plaques through out that talk about different members of the community and their Native History. The school can require every grade, every year to go out and enjoy the dedication area to learn about the importance of Native American History in our community
1	Would be appropriate to name it Haskell Middle School... since Haskell University donated the land.
1	Don't believe we need to hold onto the South name with a death grip. Besides the flyer on the school site says the cost is minimal. Let's change the name.
1	If the name changes to honor the Native American Culture, I feel that South needs to be implemented somewhere in the name.
1	There should be a path between Broken Arrow, South, and Haskell that is marked as a special trail of history and generosity. The history of the land for Broken Arrow School, South, and Broken Arrow Park should be on a plaque at Broken Arrow Park.
1	Change the name; teach students about the history of the school, Native Americans in the area, and Native Americans in this country.
1	I think changing the name of the school is a great start. Other ideas might be a statue or some form of art work. Doug Coffin totem pole, for example. More focus on Native American contributions to our country, in the military, the arts, politics, and sports. My vote goes to Billy Mills. Thank you.
1	Naming individual parts of the school Dedications Murals, art, etc. Hallways being named such as Jim Thorpe and Billy Mills, etc. rather than 100, 200, 300 halls
1	I loved the ideas of naming it in honor of Billy Mills or a name the student/parent group may consider appropriate. Or a positive name/word that would reflect the culture of the native populations that have and are attending Haskell.
1	Renaming the school would be good. Having a resource available/Library-Online-talking to elders/students from HINU and students at school so they could learn history:build positive relationships in real time
1	I recommend the name Sequoyah (Cherokee), after a man who invented a way to write his language, and spread education and literacy throughout his nation.
1	Central-Liberty-whatever it is now-Middle School is still referred to as Central and Central Mustangs. South needs to stick to tradition and continue on as South and South Cougars.
1	First, off this is a poorly worded question and implies that the decision is already made. Perhaps if the majority of students who attended were Native American that might make sense. Last, as a multiracial person who is half Osage, I am not offended by keeping the name the same.
1	Anything that has to do with the Haskell community would be sufficient. Jim Thorpe is another prestigious name.
1	A plaque or marker near the entrance explaining donation. Or possibly create a gathering space for students maybe in the shape of a medicine wheel
1	Changing the name is a very good way to honor the American Indian people and culture. The name change is a good starting point for bridging the relationship gap between the American Indian people and all other people's.
1	Add purple to school colors Use the Haskell logo (Indian) Host a community wide annual dedication or appreciation
1	We can honor this contributions Native Americans have made to our community and country by changing the generic name of South Middle School. I feel Billy Mills is the perfect option. His time at Haskell and KU binds those two schools together. His time as a Marine ties in all the veterans of the community. One must remember that per capita Native Americans have the highest service rate in the United States military. That he is an Olympic Gold Medalist would be an inspiration for all the athletes that attend the school. There are only good reasons to change the name and no negative reasons other than obstinance and ignorance of history.

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- 1 There are many ways one can honor Native Americans, but changing a schools name, is something that shouldnt be done lightly. Are we sure naming it after someone is okay with said someone. South has been called south for a long time and changing it and not the other is very weird and they wil stand out. with all the negativity about race right now. one should be very careful when renaming something. I do not thinking changing the name will have any affect on weather kids will have a better chance of graduation. kids effort they put forth to get good grades is up to them and having good parent support, it has nothing to do with changing a school name!!!!
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- 1 I think building some sort of Native focused room/space and inviting all of a certain grade within the Lawrence community to come enjoy it on a district wide field trip. The Native American culture is such a rich thing to bring to all children (and adults) in Lawrence. Good Luck!
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- 1 Would it be possible to have a statue/landmark erected out front of the school building with a memorial plaque?
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- 1 Hold a yearly fundraiser to donate back to the Haskell community. Add signs, pictures etc within the school and around the grounds acknowledging where the land is from and it's significance. Dedicate the football/track stadium area to Haskell. Rename the gym/auditorium/common area etc using one of the suggested names.
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- 1 That was done when the Elementary School and adjacent park were named Broken Arrow. This name change is completely unnecessary!
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- 1 By changing the school's Name to Billy Mills with a plaque in front of the school that gives his Native American name first, then Billy Mills, and briefly tells his life's story.
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- 1 Involve Native Elders in the process of renaming and honoring the Native American culture to ensure that they find too find it meaningful.
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- 1 A mural, a statue, a cultural museum onsite, a dedicated garden, change in mascot. I'm very grateful that the school was able to be built there, but when every other middle school is directionally named, I don't think it should deviate from that.
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- 1 We have with the name of the grade school and county park. As the students move into advanced education the names of the buildings should be neutral as to not to create division among the sectors of town that attend. There are clubs and other activities that allow students who desire special recognition or like friends or ethnic diversity to socialize.
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- 1 I would prefer to see events and activities coordinated with Haskell. Are there ways we can set up a mutually beneficial partnership? Students visiting the campus for field trips or to volunteer, Haskell students coming here to speak or volunteer?
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- 1 Was it really a donation? In any case, I think a name that honors the American Indian heritage of Lawrence by renaming the school is great.
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- 1 Continue what is going on don't let political correctness dictate these children's minds start a reach out program with Haskell and expand on the learning due I gotta Native American cultural week
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- 1 There could be events at South that highlight Native American culture that are open to the community. We could change the name of the football field/track.
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- 2 Setting up a display in the trophy case AND somewhere else in the building will honor the Native American Culture here at South. The name will get lost in time but if we and anyone coming into South sees the tribute, it will be a constant reminder of "(an) understand(ing) from where we came." Keep the name but Honor the Heritage. We haven't thus far-we should now.
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- 1 I think the name change would be a positive recognition of the Native contributions to this community, but I don't think just naming the school after the most famous Native American from a particular tribe is the right answer. If named after an individual, it should be an individual with specific ties to the school, or at least the area. I would more strongly support a name change that was not tied to a specific individual, but maybe is a better representation of local tribal history.
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- 1 First off, why is there even a survey? If you want to honor natives people just change the name. Did the have a survey when they changed the other schools name to Langston Hughes? Having to ask permission from the community is still marginalized an already marginalized community of natives, whom already have a small voice in the community of Lawrence.
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- 1 There are many other, more significant, ways to honor Native American culture. Here are possibilities: 1) Create an award named after a Native American to give to a student that best reflects the attributes of that person to be given yearly (8th grade award ceremony perhaps) and handed out by a Native American representative. 2). Create a collaborative relationship with Haskell where students could take field trips for immersion in Native American culture. 3) Have Native American speakers/events at South. 4). Have some kind of events co-sponsored with Haskell at South.
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- 1 I think a school name change is a good idea. Also having an annual celebration day, maybe on the day the land was donated, to invite Native American groups to the school and honor their traditions of food, music and dance, etc.
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- 1 I think it is crucial to honor the Native American community who donated the school land, and acknowledge our ties to Haskell and the local Native American community. In addition to the name change, I would strongly support education - classes, workshops, talks about history, culture, and traditions of the local Native communities run BY Native American educators for students at South (and other schools, really). I would also support purchases of library books on Native themes written BY Native authors. Librarian Debbie Reese has great recommendations at her website, "American Indians in Children's Literature" (<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/>) I would donate for this cause. Name change is a symbolic step which is important, but on its own it is not enough. I would encourage the school not to go with a person's name (e.g. Billy Mills) but rather with a more symbolic name (e.g. I thought that "Broken Arrow" was a very good choice for our elementary school). Perhaps I am a bit concerned that all four proposed names were those of men, and of them three were athletes. I feel that the new name should ideally empower kids of all genders and aspirations.
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- 1 Change the name of the school to represent that it was donated by Haskell University and the Native American community here in Lawrence.
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- 1 Change the name of the park next to South instead of Broken Arrow being I was a student at South Middle School as a kid I like to see my kids still attend to school with the same name that I attended
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- 1 This has been done in other ways: the naming of Broken Arrow Elementary School and the naming of the whole neighborhood as Indian Hills. The Middle Schools were all given directional names. I guess I understand including Liberty Memorial in Central's name since it was originally Liberty Memorial High School, but that is really a mouthful. I would hate to start renaming all the other Middle Schools.
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- 1 Regardless of the name, educate your students about the ongoing issues faced by Native Americans. Don't just pay lip service in an honorary name, be involved if you think it's important. We're literally neighbors, the campuses could have a partnership. - A current Haskell student whose children attend Broken Arrow Elementary
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- 1 This shouldn't even be up for a survey. Change the name. My vote is for Billy Mills. Wonderful role model for all children.
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- 1 Be transparent and honest about the cultural and historical aspects that have shaped the school and its surrounding property. Listen and respect the requests of tribal members in the community. Partner to ensure their voices are heard and actively incorporated into decision-making.
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- 1 Native Americans didn't donate the land. Haskell's board of regents, then entirely made up of EuroAmericans, "donated" the land to the school at the expense of HINU and at the profit of the EuroAmerican community and developers. Let's start with acknowledging that, and then make a symbolic change of name.
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- 1 In what ways have we honored other groups who have donated to the district? I find Broken Arrow offensive and would rather see that name changed to one of a Native American.
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- 1 Rename the school "Eliza Burton "Lyda" Conley" (ca. 1869 – 1946) the first woman admitted to the Kansas bar. Other names to consider "Jim Thorpe" or "Billy Mills"
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- 1 There can be any number of ways to honor the Native American Culture - a plaque, painting, statue, etc.
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- 1 1. Change name in honor of Kansas Native American tribe. And/Or 2. Create a heritage area that tells true history of the land aquisition and school heritage.
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- 1 Change the name and do more to recognize Native American culture. The schools celebrate black history month and promote it but they don't promote Native American month.
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1	Mr. Mills has been a positive role model for Native American along with the running community He does many fear humanitarian efforts like running strong program and dream catchers program When Mr Mills returns to Lawrence where he attend high school (now Haskell Indian Nations University) and the University of Kansas he is always greet with open arms. Mr Mills takes the time to visit with everyone he meets.
1	A tailored curriculum that teaches students the roll of Native Americans in the building of this country and the abuses they were subjected to. A day during the school calendar to commemorate and celebrate Native American Culture
1	Changing the name of a school to a Native American's name will not build a child's confidence to succeed. That comes from home and parents. Seeing those people the child respects succeed is where their inspiration comes.
1	I should think that all cultures that have gone through South would be proud that it was the school they attended. The Native American Culture did not give the land originally to have it named for them. They gave it willingly and proudly to help youth in this community, no matter what their background.
1	A memorial display or statue that commemorated the donation and educated on the previous use of the land.
1	If this name is changed to honor native Americans are we going to change south west to honor a developer?
1	Giving them proceeds of fun raising. Have them a part of the planning and organizing. Correctly educate the staff and student about the American Indian history and current information
1	Name after an Haskell alumni that has positively influenced the students. A role model to the Native students.
1	I feel that thr name of the achool and its mascot should be reflective of the foundation and origin of the property of tbe achool and should be inclusive of the native population of the Lawrence community. No
1	by giving this school a Native American name in honor of the gift of the land from Haskell. seventy acres is a big chunk of real estate
1	Nothing. It's always been South and always should be. If you change the name, should you change West Middle School to the "school by the Orchards golf course"? And then should you change Central to the "school where the police take radar on weekend nights"? If anything, change Broken Arrow park to whatever they want to name it. Keep the tradition where it is and leave it alone
1	It is time for our community and our nation to honor Native Americans when we can. The land was theirs and renaming the school would be a small step in the right direction. I attended the NEH workshop this summer on the Native American History. With more knowledge comes more responsibility. Now is the time to honor Native American History and Culture.
1	Changing the name: Dhegiha Middle School, this Native American word refers to the 5 related Native American Tribes who were indigenous to this area. Ponca, Kansa (Kaw), Osage, Umonhon (Omaha), and Quapaw all were one people hundreds of years ago. SJHS became business partners with Haskell during my tenure as principal, I do not know if that still continues, but should be.
1	This is an excellent idea and naming the school after a prominent Native (from a tribe in the area) is more educational and interesting than just SMS. I like Black Hawk (Sac and Fox), but you might get push-back on that one. Jim Thorpe MS would not only honor tribes, he is quite "teachable." So is the time period in which he lived. I think the students would be proud of this name and so would parents (especially those focused on sports). Good luck! Dr. Devon Mihesuah, Cora Lee Beers Price Professor at KU

Count Response

1 When I first heard mention of South Middle School potentially changing names, I did a bit of a mental eye-roll. I had no context yet of any of the "why" and "what" behind the name change and, being pragmatic to the core, my first thought was of the tedious task of changing letterheads, signs, and every other reference of the current name. Not to mention the constant conversations explaining that our child attends Such-and-such Middle School, no not South, yes, it used to be South but now it's Such-and-such, why?, I'm not quite sure, (sigh). I also pragmatically thought South was a fitting name simply because the primary reason any child attends South Middle School is because of the location of their home address, therefore a school name based on location seemed fitting. Then last week I received the email from Dr. Jones with specific information about the origin and purpose of the name change proposal and suddenly I got excited about the prospect of a name change. Honoring the history of the school's land seems a fitting way to both honor the Native American heritage still present on the land and reflect the geographical location that brings all the students in the South district together as classmates. However, I'm not thrilled about a new name being based on any individual. While the individuals presented on the flyer seem worthy of historical notice and reverence, selecting a particular person and then slapping that name on the school seems a little arbitrary and I think would serve more as a tribute to the named individual than as a new beacon of identity for the average middle schooler. I realize that the model of naming a place or structure after notable or wealthy people is common in our society, and that those named individuals are often sampled from a narrow sliver of the white, male narrative that dominates American History. So I think that it is a worthy effort to counter that domination by putting forth notable Native American's to be honored in a similar way. However, rather than using any individual name, I think deeper meaning and blessing to students would be accomplished by selecting a new name which reflects a broader concept, rather than any one individual. For example, the sister school of South is Broken Arrow, named to reflect the concept of peace. I would love to see a new name for the Middle School that could represent and honor a concept involved in the land or the indigenous people historically connected to the land. I might suggest "Kanza Middle School". It was the Kanza (Kaw) People who would have passed through the land that the school now sits on prior to the introduction of white explorers and settlers. The Kanza are also known as "The People of the South Wind" which would tie in the current school name. I'm sure someone with actual Native American heritage and expertise (not me) could come up with other (better) meaningful ideas, something that would serve as both a point of education and inspiration. So in summary, I think a new name that uses indigenous language or reflects a concept valued by our local Native American community would be worth the hassle of changing all the letterhead. I think if there is a desire to also honor Native American individuals, it might be better to add an educational monument of some sort to the school grounds as a supplement to the name change. Those are my humble opinions. I applaud those spearheading this proposal for highlighting South Middle School's connection to Native American land and students. It has already served as a means of educating the community. P.S. - Another idea for increasing awareness of Native American culture (and language) that I had while preparing my thoughts was to change the reference to the school colors from Black and Gold to the words for Black and Yellow in the Kanza language. (<http://www.kawnation.com/videos/ColorsKaw.mp4>)

1 Saying thank you. Don't change the name of the school for that reason. It's honestly stupid. Just say thank you. And don't ruin my middle school

1 While I'm not sure the Native Americans donated the land for the school, I do think we should honor them. Changing the name is a very good option. Do we have Native American month? The school could have an educational emphasis on Native American history during that month; and emphasize Native American history throughout the year. A decorative plaque at the front door, not sure what it would be. Inviting Haskell students to participate in the school, as student teachers, visiting teachers, etc.

1 Have an area within the school that teaches the children about the Native American culture. They will learn much more from that than from a name change.

1 Create a yearly event with Haskell students and invite the community to participate. Oh and change the name to Billy Mills Middle School

1 Displays, speakers, a plaque honoring them at each entrance, any or all of these would be more than the founders of this city got. They got a plaque on a rock at 6th & Mass.

1 I do think naming a school to honor an underrepresented minority is a positive step. With the Haskell Indian Nations University located here, it is only appropriate that we make special efforts to highlight that portion of our history.

1 Teaching a rich and fair history of Native American people, as well as teaching current events that affect Native Americans today.

Count Response

1	Re-Naming makes sense. I'm a white semi conservative parent of 5- people need to get behind recognizing the gift that was given and the generations impacted by it. I'm surprised people are seriously emotionally attached to "South" - any map, any town USA has it it :) lawrence prides itself on a unique diverse make up and history- it will be cool to have our schools represent some of that
1	Change the name to Billy Mills Middle School. Work with native groups to promote awareness of native issues.
1	Maybe your school could work on educating the students about NATIVE American history....and what you get out of the traditional text books....
1	I have lived in Lawrence my entire life, attended South Junior High, and never knew (until this question popped up) that the land was donated by Native Americans. Unless, you're implying that all land was donated by Native Americans. Perhaps naming the entryway/cafe/tertia with a name that reflects their culture would welcome people into the school and let them know of the schools history, without changing the tradition and title of "South".
1	There are many ways to go about honoring the Native American culture, but renaming the school isn't the answer. West, Central, South West, and Billy Mills Middle School? You would be disconnecting the old south from the other schools in town.
1	Native Americans do not get acknowledged enough in the Lawrence community and by changing the name will bring us closer together as one.
1	If a name change is decided upon, then I do agree that the name should honor Haskell or a Native American tied to Haskell.
1	The name change is a good idea, but also a large brass (metal) placard at the entrance of the school that details the history of the land would be another (or additional) way to honor the Native American culture.
1	Changing the school name (but keeping the mascot tasteful and not a racist caricature), offering ethnic studies classes, collaborating with KU or Haskell's linguistics/language classes to teach students about rapidly dying indigenous languages
1	Consult with members of the Native American community, such as through Haskell, about what THEY identify as appropriate ways to honor their donation.
1	Acknowledgement at events and gatherings. IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, AND AMONG TRIBAL NATIONS IN THE U.S., it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land. While some individuals and cultural and educational institutions in the United States have adopted this custom, the vast majority have not. Together, we can spark a movement to change that.
1	Moving forward and suit living in the past!!! If that was important - should have been done when the ground was donated
1	An elementary and park were already named. What is a name change going to do? Why don't we celebrate the Native American culture by educating our children about the rich heritage.
1	Build a memorial/statue in honor of an individual (one of those suggested for the school name) or to Native American Culture. Have a Native American artist create the piece. Have a Native American artist design a new school sign that includes a statement/phrase describing the history/origin of the land donation. Create a display inside the school honoring the history of the property as well as educate the students on Native American history/culture. Perhaps have the display change bi-weekly/monthly to reflect the culture of a different region/tribe.
1	Maybe a statue or piece of art work in the common area or front entrance, but not changing the name
1	How about Thorp-Mills Middle School? My father went to KU in the 1930's and was on the football team. But when I was a kid in the 1950's the only athletes he ever talked about were Jim Thorp and a guy named Levi, or something like that. He clearly admired them. Thorp was a giant. Mills persevered. People these days remember Mills because he was the most recent. But Thorp was the stuff of legends. Submitted by John Naramore
1	The name change for one. It recognizes a long unrecognized and often one-sided relationship. A fun run or annual fundraising event would be helpful as well.

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- 1 You do not need to change the name of a school in order to honor its heritage. The Native American Culture can be honored by forming more partnerships with the Native American community and HINU. Teaching about the Native American culture in the school - using assemblies and guest speakers to speak on relevant topics in social studies, science, art, music, etc. Putting Native American Art and cultural items within the school to create topics to discuss with all students will do more for honoring the heritage than changing the name. The school is the most culturally diverse school in the district. Why are you changing the name to represent one culture over the others? The school is a representation of the city of Lawrence. What have any of those historic people that are proposed done for the entire city of Lawrence to deserve such name recognition? What happens when some other group becomes offended in the future by a name, and decides that the name needs to be changed to represent someone else? This is a lightning rod that does not bring a community together, but rather promotes one culture over another. South is a non-controversial name. Change the curriculum/programs/partnerships if you want to make a difference in people learning about the Native American culture.
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- 1 Naming the school after a famous Native American associated with Haskell Indian Nations University along with a statue and art work placed around the school would go a long way to honoring that donation.
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- 1 To begin you could introduce a history segment to newsletters. Tell the story of who donated the land and why they did it. The story could be broken into small parts and told little by little. As for renaming a school, I believe it would be more appropriate to rename Broken Arrow Elementary in honor of an outstanding Native American community leader. Lawrence has such a strong tradition of naming middle schools I'm not sure a new name would even be used in the community since everyone already knows the school as "South." However, the elementary schools in town are commonly named in honor of outstanding individuals and more commonly named after the location. Perhaps you could consider renaming the generic reference to Native Americans (Broken Arrow) instead.
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- 1 Change the name of the school to reflect Native American culture, teach Native American in classrooms
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- 1 This is a great opportunity to be more inclusive to the citizens of Lawrence and honor the history of the area.
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- 1 The school needs to keep the name as is. There is Central, West, Southwest, and South. Why would SMS want to be the oddly-named school out of the bunch? A statue could be erected to honor the Native American culture. The portion of Louisiana St which SMS is located on could be renamed for an important Native American figure. (Similar to how 15th was renamed to honor Bob Billings). It's would be sad, as an alumni, to no longer feel tied to South if it is renamed. Our signature circle building was already torn down (including the murals which myself, and numerous others painted).. why can't we at least leave the name the same to honor everyone who has previously attended the school for decades prior?
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- 1 I think the proposed name change is a good starting point, but I would like a Native American name chosen for his/her academic achievement as a roll model for today's students.
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- 1 I don't understand why the American Indian suggestions that were presented Were not a good suggestion? I read them in newspaper. Jim Thorpe, is not only an American Indian icon, but America's first American Indian Olympian. Billy Mills. Can't the intelligent people in Lawrence's school administration and school board find a culturally sensitive yet empowering name and one that would make American Indian children, hopefully non-Indian children too, in Lawrence feel proud?? Do the research! It's easy! South Middle School is generic. As a parent, I think middle school curriculum should have more American Indian history and literature integrated as real way to teach and educate and teach and honor American Indian children. The name change would suggest Lawrence is accepting and honoring American Indians, then maybe a change and improvement in curriculum. Lastly there was no where to type in the previous page of this survey.
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- 1 Do a better presenting opportunities to kids who do not do well in the current educational structure. Get away from the cosmetic solutions and try to do something that gets to the heart of the matter. Our present system fails too many kids; it's time to recognize that fact with real solutions.
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- 1 Talk with area Native American leaders and get their assistance in coming up with a new name for the school that honors either those that donated the land or a historical figure important to our local history.
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- 1 -Native American culture presentations from various tribes (possibly in collaboration with Haskell University) -the Native American dancers that have performed in the past -designating Native American culture day/week at school with activities that teach about and honor the culture -a Native American mural located on a large wall in the school
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Count Response

1	Name the school garden for them. Display some permanent outside art fixtures that represent the various tribes or cultures that had a hand in donating the land. Include plaques that give them credit.
1	I believe that there should be a memorial on the school grounds dedicated to the Indians who donated this land. With a space large enough to hold a small pow wow for those Indians who wish to celebrate the school.
1	Demonstrate appreciation to Native American community by honoring the name change. Billy Mills Middle School
1	As a parent of 2 students who went to South, I think it should always be time for re-evaluation and consideration of school names, or mascots in order to reflect changing thinking in the community. We should not keep things just because they have always been a certain way. I would more highly weight the opinions of current students and staff regarding question 3.
1	A sort of festival planned with Haskell to educate SMS students about Native American history and culture.
1	I love the idea of honoring this incredible gift. It should happen. Is there a way to keep the name of South Middle School, but add a tag line of sorts that uses the Native American Tribe that gave the land the school sits upon? Or is there a monument that could be built in front of the schools, near Louisiana Street that could be viewed by many people on a daily basis as a tribute to this tribe? Would love to have Dan Wildcat's thoughts.....has he been asked his thoughts? It is time to inform people of Lawrence about a gift that is meaningful to the Native American people. And especially a gift that has touched MANY! Good Luck! I hope that there is a good solution.
1	there are those who would like object but in doing so it will be a good 'thank you to Haskell native people who donate this land for their generous donation to the Lawrence people. think about what it was done to educate students our people did not sell it it was donated. I for one agree on the name of Billy MILLS School what an honor for our native American culture thank you Lawrence board of education, lawrence community and parents, and citizens of Lawrence.
1	Honor them by changing the name of the school, it's the least you can do. The name South doesn't have much meaning.
1	You can honor the Native American Culture by allowing myself and others to react positively to this name change. It is a wonderful idea, but we cannot afford it, and this survey does not address funding. It is therefore a railroad survey, and quite dishonest, in my opinion.
1	Teach about it in school. All of the middle schools are named after a direction. Why change something that isn't broken? The only thing changing the name of the middle school will do is cause other schools to want to change their name, and to make South stand out from the others. What is this teaching our children? To worry about the small things? I am all about standing up for what you believe in, but there are bigger issues to think about than changing the name of the school. If you want to honor the Native American Culture, host week long activities to introduce the culture, teach about it, take them around the land and teach them the history. Changing the name is not teaching anyone anything. The best way to honor is teach.
1	Let's change the name of the school to honor a Native American leader, or well-known Native American public figure -- and this name proposal should come from the Native community. Additionally, lets take seriously proposals that come from the Native community in Lawrence.
1	Give the school a name that honors and represents the Native American community in a positive light.
1	As a former South student, I honor this action by remembering and sharing the information gleaned from the many Native American assemblies presented to me as a student, the interactions experienced between myself and my fellow students of Native American descent, and the guidance and leadership shown by Mr. Blackbird, our principal at the time. The name of the building should reflect the building alone; development of character or suggesting that the imparting of one's value should have nothing to do with the name of where someone goes to middle school. Certainly the suggestion cannot be made that one's image of oneself is shaped entirely by the name on a building, nor should it be.
1	Doing something that honors the land --- gardens, preservation area, etc since the land seems sacred to them.
1	Change the name to represent a local indigenous tribe or tribal word that mean "to teach and learn"
1	Adjust curriculum showing native American contribution to our society from formation of Democratic government, medicine, food, etc

Count Response

1	I want to start by saying I went to school all of my years at Broken Arrow, then South, then Lawrence High. I have three step-daughters who are half Navajo. That said, Haskell which owned land given to them by our federal government has already been honored for their "donation" with the name of Broken Arrow. I think it is ridiculous that the district spent the money to rename Central...signage throughout the building, banners, business cards, stationary, spirit wear, etc, etc. and that the school no longer follows the format of our other middle school names. I therefore very strongly disagree with renaming South. Our teachers are paid less than the surrounding districts...Eudora, Baldwin, etc. It is absolutely unacceptable to even think about renaming our school. That's my opinion!
1	Something could be added to the name South. Ex. South Broken Arrow middle school to maintain tradition.
1	The fact theres pushback is a great example of the white washing of history and an attempt to "kill the indian save the man". It should ABSOLUTELY be changed. Nobody cared when Central changed and I really dont have a problem with it.
1	Acknowledging their unique cultures and traditions by learning as well as incorporating their specific histories into the curriculum. Understanding historical trauma and knowing that it is real and many native families are deeply affected by it. If those would like the name change for those reasons, listen to them.
1	You need to know the tribe that lived there. Contact members of that tribe and learn about their culture. The students should be made aware of that culture. Their school sits on land taken from those people. The name of the school should reflect values of that tribe. Reach out to the Native American Student Services for the district. They can help.
1	By erecting a statue or plaque in a prominent area outside of the school. We do not need a name change to demonstrate recognition or honor.
1	We should not necessarily rename South Middle School, we should just have it be more Native-Friendly and honoring
1	Change the name of the school to show respect for internationally renowned Lawrence heroes like Billy Mills.
1	I would welcome an aspirin to South's name to make the connection with Haskell. Such as Liberty Memorial Central Middle School did. Would prefer not to see an individual's specific name not used though, such as the article mentioned.
1	Naming the school after a Native American and including curriculum that acknowledges the contributions and sacrifices made by Native Americans.
1	As a Lawrencian who went to KU and then left the City, my three years at SJHS (91-94) were extremely influential in shaping who I became as a person. Although the tradition in Lawrence has been to name our JHS/MS for directions, our heritage rests with the people who have come before us and after us, not the ways in which wind blows. After all, Amos Lawrence was an industrialist who funded the New England Emigrant Aid Society. Without his financial support, we do not have our City and we do not have our name sake. It has always been the uniqueness of South to be located on the Haskell lands. To strengthen that tie would both create a sense of understanding, pride and uniqueness not just for the First Americans who attend South, but for people of all colors. I would caution, however, not just to focus on the name, but on how to improve the lives of all who attend and their families now at South. A name, like a monument, is meaningful and matters. But treating them well and strengthening the interaction between Haskell and South to showcase t
1	Naming a place (the school, gym, track, etc) could honor the Native American culture - but even more would be to incorporate and involve students from Haskell or area Native American organizations within the teaching of the students. Such as a joint choir concert, pairing students up for interviews, research topics, etc. To experience and interact with a culture teaches much more respect, understanding and appreciation for said culture.
1	We could name the football field, soccer field or track after someone of Native American heritage.
1	The land was not donated, the city bought it from the university. As a person of native American descent, just teach people the facts of each tribe and what they went through in history. The name of a school is not going to make anyone notice the "ties" people are claiming.
1	Currently, all schools are directional names. While I understand wanting to honor the land donors, I don't think that changing the name is the correct way to do that. We should have more activities that are in collaboration with Haskell.

Count Response

1	To bring awareness to this fact, as well as the history of the Native Americans located in this area. Lawrence has a very large Native American community. It would be nice too see more representation in the Lawrence Community. One way to do this is by changing the school's name to one honoring a Native American individual.
1	By naming classrooms, gyms, etc. not by re-naming the school. Please do not cave in to this agenda. I respect all people no matter what race, ethnicity, origin, etc... but you would be setting a terrible precedent by doing this.
1	I think naming a nearby street or even a park for Mills is a great idea. But the School has almost 50 years of history and changing the name now would be offensive to that history.
1	The US Department of Arts and Cultures (NGO) just started a campaign to honor and recognize native peoples and lands. They suggest that all public events begin with the recognition that the land the event is taking place on is connected to the long history of indigenous peoples. South and Broken Arrow should especially be doing this on a regular basis. Changing the name would make it a daily recognition and that's great! That said, I'm not sold on any of the names listed on the flyer. I don't know who those men are or what they stood for. With out that information I could not possibly select. But also, why only the names of men? What about a woman? That would send a strong message too. Lawrence has streets and buildings named after men around town. Are there any buildings named after a woman? What about a native word for "learning," a word from one of the regional tribes? Giving the school a native word for its name might be hard to pronounce but it would be good practice and a clear challenge to the irritatingly pervasive Euro-centrism.
1	Naming the school after a Native American idol. Celebrating Indigenous People Day, instead of Columbus Day.
1	Respect for all cultures and races should especially be prevalent for the First Nations/Indigenous of this land. CHANGE the name. Be part of history for the oppressed. Lawrence is about respect for our Native community.
1	Why not a comprehensive plaque in Broken Arrow Park, describing the history of the land for the two schools and the park? And why not strengthen the path behind Broken Arrow and South that leads to Haskell? Identify it and encourage all students to use it and appreciate its history. I coordinated the Haskell Centennial in 1984-85, and we spent a lot of time talking about that path.
1	Name important parts of the school and show the name on artistic plates above doors. For instance, name the Library the Mills Library. Doing this will allow multiple names and honors to be bestowed around the school and at a much lower cost. The excess money raised could then be spent on, say, academics.
1	Until this question, I had no idea what type of name change was even being contemplated. I might have answered differently. I looked for a back button so I could go back and check for info in the intro but didn't see one.
1	Have a class or assembly that represents or teaches about the culture. I feel changing the name of one middle School will only make others want to change the names to represent others and in doing so leave others left out. I feel leaving the name as south but teaching about cultures is a positive. I feel strongly about this. Changing the name might start a problem leading that natives will only want to go to south changing the diversity to all schools.
1	Not writing surveys with leading questions designed to oppose a name change. Name change, supporting justice matters efforts to look into restorative justice and decrease bullying, celebrating indigenous people's day.
1	Renaming South Middle School to honor a Native American community member Be sure that local history regarding Native Americans is incorporated into course materials
1	Best way is to change the name to honor either a specific Native American of note or Haskell University for the gift. :)
1	Put artwork around the school, give back to them. Put up a statue thanking them...the name should not be changed.
1	I think the most significant way to honor Native American cultures and to recognize our large Native American community is to change the name of South to that of a honored Native American who has a connection with Lawrence, similar to naming Langston Hughes. A school name is visible to the public and that visibility is needed in Lawrence.

Count Response

1	I think it is important to keep the name of South MS because all other middle Lawrence school names are directional. And, many of the kids there, and alumni, have this recognition and heritage. I completely respect the culture behind the Native American contributions to the land, etc. I suggest celebrations and learning events for the community and the students throughout the year, rather than a name change. Also, with school funding at a very difficult level, this concerns me as a parent. Even though it would be spent over time, it sends a message to me that we are prioritizing something like this over basic needs in the school. The SMS name has already changed slightly from South Junior High - and we still have the monument in front of the school with the old name. It would make this school stand out to change it to be different from other schools in our community. I don't think that is a good thing, actually, and it may compel other schools to think about changing...causing more and more expenses across the district. The kids there now have their own traditions with the SMS name, and I feel this would take away from their memories.
1	Name the field/track after Billy Mills, but leave the South name for parity with all the other junior highs.
1	The first step is acknowledging the contributions. While I support the idea of this, I am interested to know the financial ramifications of such a change.
1	A display inside the main entrance telling the history. Maybe some Native American commissioned art on the outside.
1	Talk about the history of Haskell when it used to be a boarding school. Many children were forcibly removed from their homes & were stripped of their Native American identity. Many kids suffered from abuse and even death if they were caught doing things like speaking their tribal language. Kids today are fortunate that they don't have to go through those types of conditions.
1	Change the name of the school to honor the land donation and include signage about the donation and history.
1	Be like Central and install a plaque or maybe even a statue, but not a name change. A very high percentage of people would not even realize that you are trying to honor a Native American by the name change. School names honor people, Not race and/or ethnicity.
1	Name change and reviewing the current texts used regarding history of Indigenous people of the Americas. Incorporate a stronger sense of diversity and appreciation for the cultures within our community
1	I attended South as a student years ago. Why don't you ask them? It's not 'the Native American culture' as a whole, one particular tribe had land that south now rests on. I think they should at very least be asked what they want. I'm also concerned that you asked for ethnicity in this poll. What bearing is that supposed to have on people's responses? I urge you to think critically about the ways you are approaching this topic.
1	I believe that changing the name of the school to honor the Native Americans is a wonderful idea. The question that I would have is "how do we decide on the best name?" Is there someone that was key to the donation of the land?
1	In what way can you honor all cultures, not just one? Land was donated by government agency- an American agency. Schools are American , not ethnic
1	By naming the school for a notable Native American with ties to the community; perhaps working together on programs with HINU.
1	Change the name of the school to honor a respected Native American individual living or deceased.
1	Jim Thorp Billy Mills Kansa Prairie Band Devore (Thompson, who got the park name Broken Arrow)
1	I like the idea of the name change to honor the Native American Culture but is there a more global option than using one person's name.
1	I believe renaming the school would honor the Native American Culture more than anything else could do. I'm not particularly vested in this topic, hence my responses. It is a great idea and something I would support.
1	Something akin to a "founding peoples" day might be in order - perhaps, if groundbreaking on the school or the date of donation coincides with the school year, especially. Take care not to fall into a tokenistic celebration, however - it should be in consultation with current Native Americans as to content and appropriateness.

Count Response

1	I think it's a great idea to change or update the name of the school. I like that my kids go to a school with diversity. I might be naive but I believe Lawrence is or should be proud of the history here. I would like more culture overall, to be honest.
1	Lots of wall space inside the building. Generate ideas for a mural that would reflect the Native American Culture. The old south had murals that were student generated and created a sense of community. We start changing names of schools for one parent, when the flood of requests start for changes in other schools for anything including the name of the school? Leave well enough alone.
1	Renaming SMS to a Native name would show appreciation toward them for the gift of land given to Lawrence, enabling the city to open an institution of learning to all people.
1	Change the name of school; incorporate a discussion of tribes in the MODERN world (i.e. not just the trail of tears) into the curriculum at every level; learn about the federally recognized tribes in Kansas
1	Russell Blackbird, past principal of South and an Omaha Sioux, made it one of his missions to incorporate into the school the culture of Native Americans. Many times a year students were introduced to multiple cultural aspects of his people. He was so proud of his heritage. He received his PhD and later I believe became Dean of Education at Haskell. I feel it very appropriate, fitting and respectful for the school to carry the name of a man who was so compassionate in loving his work and the Native Americans he represented.
1	It think changing the name of the school would be a nice way to acknowledge where the land came from. However, making it long to include everything (what they did at Central) seems ridiculous. It should be kept short and simple.
1	Include this in lessons about local/kansas history Declare a day of honor across the city and the district. Events and celebrations to embrace the contributions of the NA culture to our lives. Re-name end of year carnivals - name it for an influential member of the community or someone with historical significance. Mills Days can be the new name and the school could start a tradition of kicking off the carnival with a Poem, Song, Dance, Walk or something to symbolize the respect and appreciation of the specific individual and culture as a whole. It's a celebration for the school, but there could be the Saturday morning fun run to coordinate and raise \$\$ for the school or scholarships for students who matriculated from this school.
1	By naming the school after Mr. Mills you honor not only him but the native american population of this community.
1	Create a Native American Culture display area in the school and educate the kids about the culture and it's impact on our community
1	Incorporate The grade school and middle school with Haskell celebrations, markets etc to celebrate traditions and honor native cultures. Use more land to grow food with the schools for the students
1	We can change the name of our school. The name South represents a direction on the compass - not what the Lawrence Community represents or strives to be. We should welcome the opportunity to show who we are in concrete terms - the name change does this.
1	Have Native Americans conduct a dedication of the land in a traditional way chosen by them. If a new name is selected, create a nice monument that thanks Native Americans for their contribution of land and the honor of educating their children and other children.
1	I think the name change would be a big first step in doing so. Is there also a scholarship that could be given in name of someone?
1	Renaming the school is a good idea and would go a long way in honoring those in our community for their contributions that make Lawrence such a wonderful place to live.
1	I think this is a great idea in theory and am eager to see how it might play out in practice. It's frustrating to think too that this change will be considered controversial by some in our community. While the tradition of naming junior highs/middle schools has been directional (west, central, southwest, etc.), I think a counter-argument to that tradition rests in both clarification (southwest, south, and west are not the best names to use together - too similar) along with the fact that Free State High School is clearly named after local history and culture. Why can't a renaming of South take the same path to honor the land donors who made the school possible?

Count Response

1	I think a name change would be good, but I would like to see if South could remain in the name somehow.
1	I think a name change would be great! Or more intentional education about the culture and history of the land.
1	I think the changing the name of the school is a great start. I personally like the idea of naming the school after Billy Mills, but as far as the naming and other suggestions go...as a non-native white person (and no I don't count family stories/lore claiming we have [fill in the blank] percentage of [fill in the blank] tribe)...I think it's best left for the Native American community to decide/suggest. I'll will support them. And btw, *I love that these questions are being asked and discussed in our community* Thanks for doing the work!
1	By naming the school after sometime in the native tradition (tradition of the tribe which gave the land).
1	The name change is a great start. Directional school names have little meaning or resonance and often lose that meaning over time as communities grow, boundaries change and cityscapes evolve. A good school name sends a message to kids and creates a starting point of pride in the community, neighborhood and school.
1	As an 2004 SMS graduate, I felt many times over my three years that the Native American Culture was deeply respected and appreciated at South. While I was a student, I enjoyed the assemblies put on with Native American dance, running with the track team to Haskell University, and having teachers and a principal who attended Haskell. A plaque between Broken Arrow and South, similar to those at national parks, would be a wonderful way to honor the Native American Culture for donating land.
1	Name the school after Shawnee Indian Pelathe who rode a horse at breakneck speed all night in an attempt to warn Lawrence of the impending attack by Quantrill and his men.
1	Changing the name to represent their culture. I don't really like the name suggestions. In my opinion when you honor a specific person by naming a school after him (by the way, why only male name suggestions?!) then you really need to know everything about what that person stood for. Does the person truly represent an entire Native American Culture? Do we know enough about the person to bestow that honor? Maybe there are other name options that could be more neutral/less polarizing while honoring their culture? How about something to do with Haskell, or nature or something all Native groups share? Naming a school after a person just seems too risky. There are too many variables involved, so can we think outside the box and not include a specific person? And if it's named after a person, can there be some female options? Just things to consider...thanks!
1	Permanent display in a public area of the building. This could include rotating displays. Also, more cultural events surrounding Native culture.
1	Very much like the idea of honoring Native American Culture but think it best if not naming the school after one Native American.....is there some name that can be identified as NAM like Broken Arrow is named?
1	I think changing the name is a great idea. You could also choose a week out of the school year to educate the students on Indian cutler, the foods and clothing, how they made things and what their beliefs are. Maybe a statue of some sort.
1	Renaming the school is a great idea. I am not sure what it should be. But I feel members of the Haskell and South communities should have the decision on what it should be, with so many tribes represented. That being said, while the athletes deserve great respect, I think an idea that goes deeper into what it means to be Native would be good. Maybe not after one person, but a concept that embodies the beauty, struggle, stamina, ferocity, etc of Native culture.
1	There are many ways other than changing the name of the school itself, which is currently in line with the other middle school names in town. A plaque could be added to the front area of the school; a yearly event could be held honoring the occasion of the land donation with cultural aspects; a scholarship could be established in honor of the donors for students from South when they go to college. Just a few ideas.

Count Response

1	I think the name of this school should have been something honoring Native Americans when it was first built. It's high time this community shows some respect for the Native people in this community as well as gratitude for the land that school sits on.
1	I don't feel that there is a need to "honor the Native American Culture for donating the land for our school" with a name change considering this was done 50 years ago. If a name change was the way to go, then it should have been done when the school was built or shortly thereafter. I'm all for honoring Native Americans and their culture (I'm truly fascinated by it), but a name change is (to me) a meaningless gesture. It would be much more meaningful if a permanent display, giving information on the Haskell Indians that students could read from and see (as well as supporting class usage of the information in the display) would be a lot better. Changing the name of the school is a token gesture that does nothing and the reasons for it will be lost in 10 years or less. Do something educational that could have a LASTING, MEANINGFUL impact for students both today and decades from now.
1	Educate the Lawrence community about the history of the land. Why wasn't the name considered when the school was built? They honored the elementary school by naming it Broken Arrow.
1	aside from changing the name of South, we should have special classes/courses specifically dedicated to Native American History in our schools, along with fundraisers to raise money for Haskell
1	I love the idea. As a community member, a former student of South and an educator in the school district I am happy that this is an option.
1	Plaque and statue outside school and mural on inside wall of school with historical narrative and thanks
1	I believe a name change to reflect the donation of the land would be appropriate. However, of the names listed, I strongly feel it should NOT be named after a living person. Also, are there other options for a name change? Is there more information on the name choices - history and attachment to Haskell. Are any of the names offered originally from the Kansas area/reservations? ALSO -- I think Lawrence - and especially Broken Arrow and South (NEW NAME) should celebrate Native American Indigenous Day and NOT Columbus Day.
1	Be sure and ask them. At least float ideas by them and involve them in some way in the process. Let's not make assumptions.
1	I respectfully request you consider renaming South Middle School for indigenous peoples who originally inhabited the land in consideration of the land donated for the school by Haskell Indian Nations University. Tribes which lived in this area included the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Comanche, Kansa, Kiowa, Osage and Pawnee. Alternatively, the school could be named for a historical Native American figure, such as Roe Cloud. Sincerely, An active community member and Big Sister mentor to a Native American South Middle School alumna
1	Fine to change name but disagree with it being the name of a specific person. That really has little to no meaning to most people over time. A Native American word for knowledge, opportunity learning, responsibility, character etc would make more sense.
1	The name change is long overdue. Billy Mills Middle School will be an honored gift for generations to come.
1	I think we could consider naming the school for Pelathe, a Shawnee who tried to warn Lawrence of the impending raid by Quantrill's guerrillas. Pelathe the name apparently means "The Eagle". Its a very interesting story and would link Native American history and Lawrence history together in a meaningful way. I
1	I think it goes beyond a school name - we really need to expand education. I know Haskell has a cultural center but can't the middle school have its own cultural/historical center? So much has happened in this area alone.
1	By naming the school to represent the Native American population here in Lawrence. They are a very important part of our community. We need to recognize them in many ways.
1	Mention it in the "welcome" assembly each year for students - like how Central mentions why they are called "Liberty Memorial Central" now. Teach students the history - renaming a building isn't going to teach them anything other than "why is our school not named South anymore?"

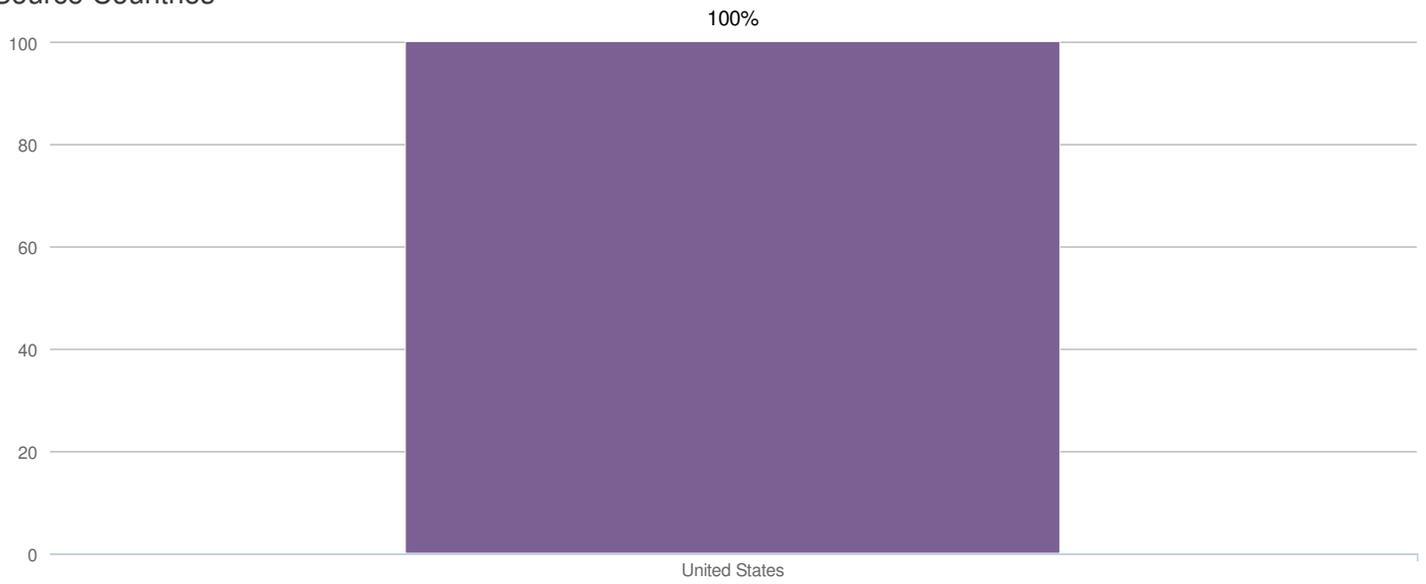
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1	I think naming the school after a prominent Native American figure would be a good idea. The names of all the middle schools are kind of bland and a school named after a person would make it more interesting.
1	Something that's respectful, as in Kanza, or the South Wind Middle School. But nothing like "Chiefs" or "Redskins," please.
1	How are the "choosing" the name. There are plenty of Native Americans living in this area that deserve a look.
1	In the wake of the current culture climate, why not name one of the many public educational institutions in Lawrence, KS in accordance with Native American historical / contemporary leaders.
1	We can honor them with a statue , plaque, part of a building or hallway. We can recognize them in other ways than a name change. We are in a budget crisis. The amount of money it will cost to change signs, uniforms, letterhead, etc could be used toward a salary of additional staff.
1	Sign "South Middle School est. since (year) through the gracious donation of land by (insert Native American Culture). Create a contract to use the facility. Discounted school fees for the children of those involved with the Native American Culture involved in the donation of this land.
1	Instead of choices presented for name change - consider any of the 3 - Lucy Tayiah Eads, b. 1888, adopted daughter of Washunga. Elected Chief of Kaw in 1920s and attempted to get federal recognition for the tribe. She attended Haskell Indian College in Lawrence, Kansas, where she studied nursing. After serving as tribal chief, Eads returned to working as a nurse at Haskell Indian College. She, with her family, eventually relocated to Pawhuska, Oklahoma. She died in 1961. Charles Curtis who was part Kaw, the aboriginal Indigenous nation who lived on the lands here in Lawrence, KS and surrounding areas prior to their removal to Oklahoma. Curtis served 1929-1933 as Vice-President during Pres. Hoover administration. OR why not name South Middle School after an educator - Henry Roe Cloud - first full blood to attend Yale - was an educator - He became superintendent of the Haskell Institute, now known as Haskell Indian Nations University, in Lawrence, Kansas, in 1933.
1	Designate a spot in the school and decorate with Native culture stuff and a thank you of some sort.
1	By re-naming the school (to honor Native Culture and to acknowledge the fact that the school is on donated land), plain and simple.
1	School naming would be a very appropriate way and could lead to other cultural and learning opportunities.
1	I wasn't aware that this even happened, and i think just the awareness it brings would be welcome.
1	A plaque to honor the University who probably gave the land to build the school. How about working with Haskell University to have a clean up, work project or education project that would honor the native american culture and educate all the students about the culture on an annual basis. The University has so many needs that could be addressed by the having the two communities join together. Please feel free to go to their campus and look how it is deteriorating before your eyes.
1	What about a combination of names--- Bill Mills South Middle School South Kickapoo Middle School I applaud the effort and thought in changing the name. I think changing the name to a specific person's name will be confusing to most.
1	Plaques and pictures within the school would educate students and parents and provide examples of role models for students without breaking the tradition of naming middle schools after directions. My daughter who proudly represented South Middle School would lose a connection if the name of the school were changed.
1	I would recommend building a monument or a statue. Honor the original inhabitants of this local area (Kansa). But you could also rename other parts of the school to reflect other Native americans and not just the local nation. Honor the children who sacrificed themselves for coming to Haskell in the early years. Get Native American input for these projects (not only non-native American). Rename the library, or a section of the school for example. All I can say is do not promote stereotypes, or make the Native American community less recognized .
1	Maybe a plaque mounted in the school. I feel like if we wanted to honor the gift, we should have named the school that to begin with. Kids hand down spirit wear and are proud to attend South Middle School. I think the costs would be more than minimal. There would be a lot of time and payroll used to make all the changes. The school just ordered new signage and rugs.

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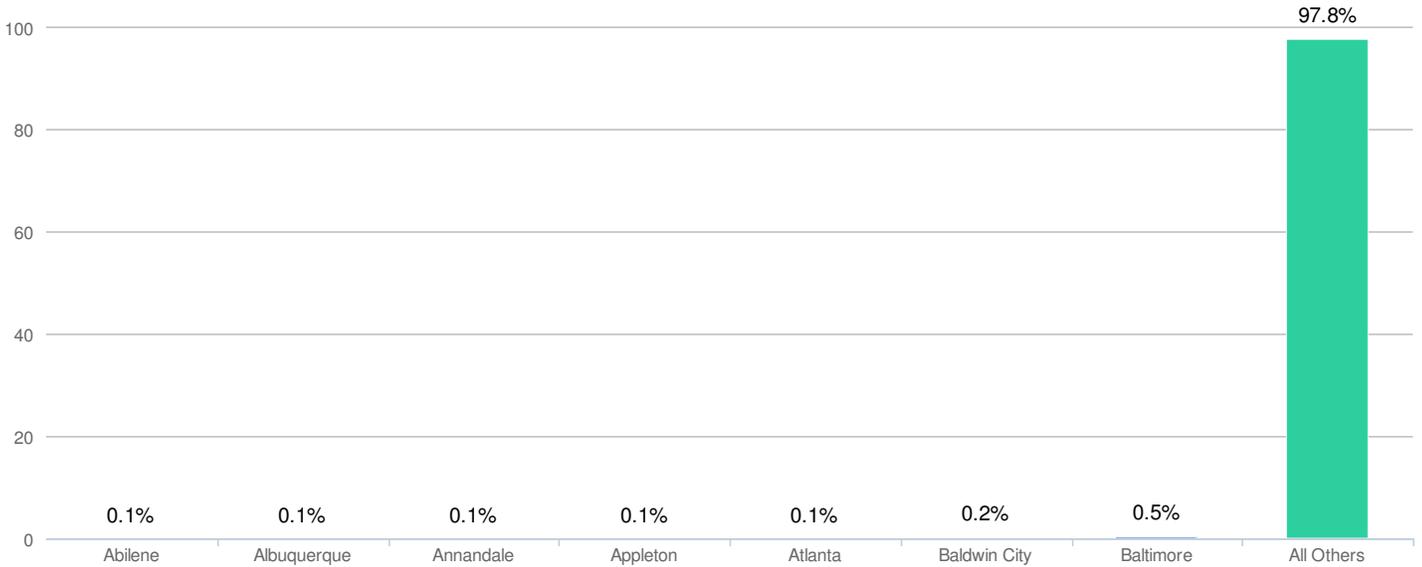
1	Renaming south middle school to reflect the schools history. It was south junior high school when I attended. So technically it was renamed already. I made sense when there were only 3 junior high schools and once high school, but times have changed.
1	Name of famous Haskell administrator, faculty member or student. Name of a Native American tradition, location. Person better.
1	Name the gym after Billy Mills. Have a permanent display in the building to honor ties to Haskell.
1	For starters, change the name of the school. I haven't heard a strong enough argument to keep it and the reasoning behind the change makes a lot of sense. Beyond that we should listen with open minds to other ideas Native Americans have on the subject. Community wide dialogue can determine where we go from here. Also, we can get rid of Christopher Columbus Day in this city. Take a hard look at who he really was and I think you'll agree a day honoring him has no place in this country.
1	If members of Lawrence's Native American community feel that changing the name is a way to honor the donation, then that is the best course of action.
1	Ask the Nation that donated it for suggestions, and create a landmark or learning center area on the grounds that educates about the history of the land upon which the school is currently occupying.
1	By continuing education of the community as to the role of HINU in Lawrence and the support of the Native American Students. But as the parents of past SJHS students and grandparent of SMS students, I see no need to change the name. Honoring each student as an important individual and respecting them as human beings is a worthy goal.
1	I believe that changing the name of the school to honor an Indigenous person with local connections is a minimal step we can take in honoring Native culture that has impacted our community, and this school in particular. When I was a student, Principal Russell Blackbird ensured that students always had a connection to HINU and its cultural education available to us - we were aware that the land our school was on was thanks to Haskell's partnership, we hosted their faculty/students who regularly provided cultural activities and education to us, and we regularly took field trips to HINU's campus for further cultural enrichment. South's connection to Haskell and the local Native American community is very strong and it makes sense to me that a name change could easily reflect the importance of said connection.
1	A name change for the school is a good start (and long overdue!). The driveway could also get a name of a specific benefactor. Artwork from the time period at the entrance...
1	I think the idea of a wall mural or similar would be a nice thing to do. I am not in favor of renaming our school as I think it could lead to exclusion (of other races not represented) and actually have a negative impact on student morale.

Source Countries



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Baldwin City	0.2%	2		
Baltimore	0.5%	4		
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Berryton	0.2%	2		
Bronx	0.1%	1		
Champaign	0.1%	1		
Chicago	1.5%	13		
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Fort Collins	0.1%	1		
Fort Riley	0.5%	4		
Totals		846		

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