

Mary D. Sampson

February 10, 2011

Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent of Albemarle County Public Schools
Members of the Albemarle County Public School Board
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Dr. Moran and Members of the Albemarle County Public School Board,

I, Mary D. Sampson, give the Burley Middle School Varsity Club permission, with well deserved honor, to place my late husband's name, Elmer "Sonny" Sampson, on the Burley Middle School Band Room.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary D. Sampson". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Mary D. Sampson

James A. Locker
331 Hilton Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44507
330.770.0024

October 12, 2010

Dr. Pamela Moran, President
Albemarle County School Board
401 McIntyre Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Dear Dr. Moran:

I am an alumnus of Jackson P. Burley High School, Class of '65 and a band member throughout my stay at Burley. My fortune was to receive the dedicated and inspired teaching of Mr. Elmer F. Sampson. Under his tutelage I have developed a life long appreciation for music.

The teaching of Mr. Sampson and his love for Burley has earned him a place in the hearts of all who came in contact with him. His legacy continues to touch people today. It would not only be proper but befitting to have the Band Room named in his honor.

With the profound manner in which Mr. Sampson touched students and the greater Charlottesville community, I encourage you to support the legacy and historical significance of naming the room in his honor.

Thanking you in advance for your positive support of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Locker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James A. Locker

Laurine R. Bennett-Moore
3298 Turnberry Circle
Charlottesville, Virginia 22911

24 January, 2011

Ms. Pam Moran, Superintendent

Albemarle County Schools

McIntire Road

Charlottesville, VA.22901

Dear Ms. Moran,

I am writing this letter in support of naming the Burley School band room after the late Elmer F. (Sonny) Sampson. As a former member of the marching Burley Bears (1956-60) under the direction of Mr. Sampson, I can not think of a more fitting tribute to his memory. Mr. Sampson's guidance contributed to the band earning numerous recognitions. He also sparked and nurtured his student's interest in music, so much so that several students became professional musicians.

Mr. Sampson's influence not only impacted his students, but also the community at large. It is for this reason that I strongly urge you to consider naming Burley School band room after the late Elmer F. (Sonny) Sampson.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. R. Bennett-Moore". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Laurine R. Bennett-Moore

13957 Stahelin
Detroit, MI 48223
February 14, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of naming the band room at Burley School for Mr. Elmer Sampson. Mr. Sampson was the band director at Burley High School for many years. He was a devoted teacher who gave of himself for the betterment of the school and the band.

He encouraged many students to get them interested in the musical arts. He devoted many hours to the band, especially the marching band, practicing for football games and parades. He was never too busy to assist a student who needed additional help. The band was well known in the town and people looked forward to seeing the band perform.

I would certainly endorse the naming of the room for Mr. Sampson. He was a conscientious teacher who you could always count on to assist a student whenever help was needed. His energetic spirit in working with his students was to be commended.

I wholeheartedly support the naming of the room for Mr. Elmer Sampson.

Sincerely,

Zelda Wigginton Neal
Zelda Wigginton Neal
Jackson P. Burley Class of 1963

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Naming Support!

From : vann312@aol.com

Mon, Feb 14, 2011 09:21 AM

Subject : Naming Support!**To :** yanceygirl@embarqmail.com

Dear Evelyn:

I received an email from James Payne (Class of '62) requesting that our class contact you if we were interested in supporting the naming of the band room at Burley Varsity for Elmer Sampson. I believe that naming it for him is a wonderful idea. Mr. Sampson was the main force behind many of the accomplishments of the band program; I was there for the uniform drive when we sold light bulbs to secure the funding and it was a major success. I played clarinet in the band for four years and not only learned more of instrument but also how to be a team player and a source of pride for our school. I believe he was influential in the continued development of a number of students to pursue successful musical careers.

I was there at the unveiling of the portrait of Jackson P. Burley in 1959 and remember the pride my family felt at that time. I hope that Burley will continue to be a source of pride in Charlottesville.

Good luck in this endeavor and I pray it will have a positive outcome.

Carolyn Vann Camper
Class of 1962
