

December 15, 2011

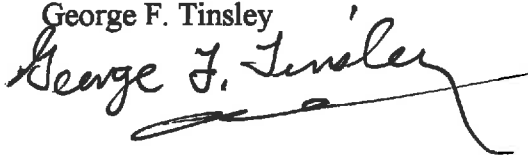
Dr. Pam Moran, Superintendent
Albemarle County Public Schools
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Dr. Moran,

I was informed of a petition initiated by Mr. James Hollins and the Burley Varsity Club to have a portion of property located at Burley Middle School named after myself, George F. Tinsley. I was surprised and extremely humbled at the mere thought that after my 40 years at Jackson P. Burley Middle School, students and faculty would consider me such a vital part of their Burley past. I give my full consent in the naming of a portion of property in my honor.

Sincerely,

George F. Tinsley

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George F. Tinsley". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

November 07, 2011
Dr. Pamela Moran, Superintendent
Albemarle County Schools
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Dr. Moran,

First, I hope you are doing well.

I was asked to write a letter supporting a request to honor two long-term former Albemarle County Employees. It is my understanding that the road on the west side of Burley Middle School leading to the football field is being recommended to be named after Mr. Dave Burns and Mr. George Tinsley.

Both men were employed in the Maintenance Department during the years I attended Jackson P. Burley High School and were there when I returned to teach in 1969.

I have always had tremendous respect for Mr. Burns and Mr. Tinsley. However, I worked closer with Mr. George Tinsley. He took more on than his daily work responsibilities. I have experienced him numerous times providing help and words of encouragement, guidance, and praise to students and teachers. Mr. Tinsley was a great role model to and for the Burley High School and later Middle School Communities.

I truly thank Mr. Tinsley and Mr. Burns for being such a positive and supportive source in my early years of teaching.

I proudly recommend that this particular road be name in honor of Mr. Dave Burns and Mr. George Tinsley.

Sincerely yours,

Marcha P. Howard

November 17, 2011

Dr. Pam Moran
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Va 22902

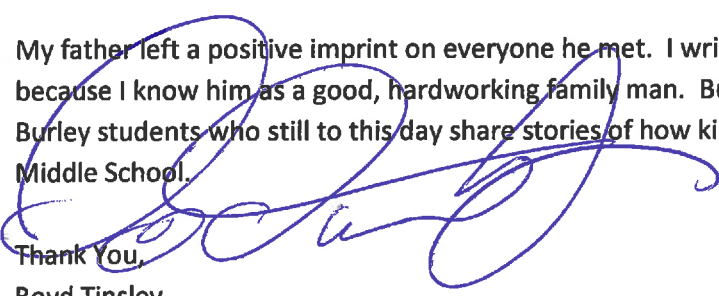
Dear Dr. Moran,

I am writing this letter in support of the naming of a portion of road leading to Burley Field in honor of my father Mr. George F. Tinsley. As a child I would on some days, spend time with my father at Burley. Some custodians are lost faces in a building, unnoticed, satisfied to simply do their job. I would see my father go about his job with the same dedicated hard work that he puts into everything he does. But I also noticed something else. I noticed that he fully engaged all he would pass by in the halls, the students, teachers and administrators. He not only cleaned the school but he had known just about everyone there. He would greet and talk to those he passed in the halls. Everyone treated him warmly and he treated everyone the same.

It wasn't until years later that I discovered why my father was so well liked at Burley. I would have former students come up to me and ask if Mr. Tinsley was my father. When I said yes, they would take time to tell me what a great man he was and how much they loved him. I realized that my father was a father figure to many students at Burley over the years. He was always the best father to my siblings and me. He's always been very loving and supportive, ready with advice and wisdom to share. My father made a difference at Burley, especially amongst the students. He made the difficult adolescent years of school a little less difficult for those he touched.

My father left a positive imprint on everyone he met. I write today in support of my father, not just because I know him as a good, hardworking family man. But, I write also on behalf of all the former Burley students who still to this day share stories of how kind and caring he was in his years at Burley Middle School.

Thank You,
Boyd Tinsley



October 30, 2011

Dr. Pam Moran
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Va 22902

Dear Dr. Moran,

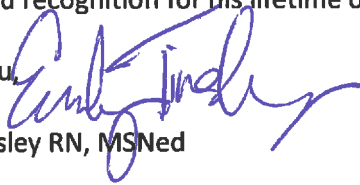
My name is Emily Tinsley and I am writing in support for Mr. George Tinsley in the honoring of Burley Middle School property in his name. I am George's daughter in law and have known him for 23 years. When I first met George in 1989, he welcomed me into his home with open arms and an open heart. I immediately felt like I was part of his family before I even married his son, Boyd. Since my earlier days of knowing him he now is a beacon for support, wisdom, and unconditional love to my children and I. My respect and admiration for George is quite simply too deep to be adequately presented in a letter. I can only say that he is my go-to person during both my triumphs and struggles. I always know I will walk away from him feeling a little more at ease and at peace with the world.

George is a man of integrity, honesty and loyalty not only to his family, but to the community in which he continues to live and work as well. He seeks out opportunities to praise and support all those around him. Most anyone who has known George through his life knows he is the one who will do what ever he can to ensure the success of others. When people meet me and learn that I am his daughter in law, often respond by saying, "Mr. Tinsley was the one that kept me in school". When I tell George of this, he always receives it as the greatest of compliments.

I offer my sincere support for the possibility of naming something after my dear father in law. I know he affects the lives of many people in such positive ways. He is deserving of high praise and recognition for his lifetime of selfless service to this community.

Thank You,

Emily Tinsley RN, MSNed



11-01-2011

Dear Dr. Moran,

My name is Betty Tinsley Sutton. I am the youngest daughter of Mr. George Tinsley. I am writing in support of the petition to have a strip of land on the J.P. Burley property named for my father and Mr. Burns.

My father is a man quiet in nature, virtuous in character, and full of knowledge and wisdom that he is always willing to share with anyone. He is a man who has devoted his life to God, family and service. He is a wonderful husband (married to my mom Helen for 60 years), father, grandfather and great-grandfather, an all around awesome man. He is my hero and a Blessing in my life.

I am always overcome with pride and joy when someone approaches me with stories of him from his days of playing baseball, umpiring the little league baseball teams, directing the junior choir in church or of their experiences with him over the 40 years he worked at Burley School and the bits of wisdom he left with each of them.

Forty years on one job. That alone speaks volumes of his dedication to his job and his work ethic. Of the countless stories shared with me about his days at Burley, everyone commented on how he always had kind and positive words of wisdom, encouragement and inspiration to share, as well as how much he is respected and admired. None are surprised that at the age of 82 he still works 5 days a week because he likes to keep busy.

I sincerely hope that you and the school board consider and honor this request for a man so deserving as he is a very important part of the J.P. Burley legacy.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Tinsley Sutton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'B' and a long, sweeping underline.

2533 Emerys Lane
Esmont, VA 22937

October 28, 2011

Dr. Pam Moran and School Board Members
401 McIntyre Rd
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Dear Dr. Pam Moran and School Board Members:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that I support the idea that the Burley Varsity Club has propositioned, to name the stretch of road leading down to Smith-Jones Field, Burns-Tinsley Drive in honor of my grandfather George F. Tinsley.

My grandfather worked in various capacities at Burley Middle School for forty years. He witnessed the transformation of Burley from all African American high school, into the integrated middle school it is today. Throughout the years he influenced thousands of students and teachers greatly during the time he served at the school. He poured out his love for his job and helping others succeed. Even to this day the activities that my grandfather witnessed while working at Burley continually permeate into all facets of his life. He becomes animated whenever questioned about the history of the school, thus many contact him just for this purpose. He is a historian who brings great knowledge and challenge to all those he makes contact with.

Even to this day when I meet people who find out that I am a Tinsley, they immediately mention my grandfather's name and ask me if I am related to him. It always brings me great pleasure and pride when I am able to let others know that George F. Tinsley is my grandfather. Each and every time I meet someone who knows him, they always have some animated story to tell of their dealings with him. They always mention how he was an individual who always had a smile on his face and would give you the shirt from his back. It brings me great pleasure to concur with the recommendation that has been made to name this stretch of road after George F. Tinsley, my hard working and very loving grandfather.

Sincerely,

Ashley Watkins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Watkins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.

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Dr. Pam Moran
401 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia 22902

Dear Dr. Moran,

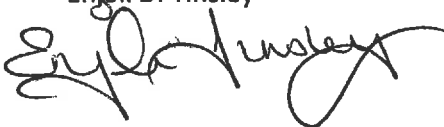
I write this letter in support of the decision brought forth by Mr. James Hollins and the Burley Varsity Club in the naming of a portion of Burley Middle schools property in honor of my grandfather Mr. George F. Tinsley. This decision is such a humbling surprise as my grandfather has been retired from the school system for over 20 years.

As a child growing up in the Tinsley home located on Forest Street, I can clearly remember the countless hours my grandfather put into Jackson P. Burley. Whether it was a light bulb that needed replacing or a major water leak in the school, my grandfather never hesitated. He was more then just a janitor; he was a friend to faculty, students and their family members that he came into contact with during his 40 years.

My grandfather has always been a very loving, dedicated, honest and God fearing man. He has helped many people in the community as well as his family whether it was a kind word, a shoulder to cry on or a helping hand. At the age of 83, he continues to work the same part time job he had before retiring from Burley as well as caring for his ailing wife.

I totally support the decision in the naming of a piece of JPB in honor of my grandfather Mr. George F. Tinsley, I can't think of anyone more deserving of such recognition.

Sincerely,
Enjoli D. Tinsley

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enjoli D. Tinsley', written in a cursive style.