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Lexington District One administration recommends new Gilbert school name

LEXINGTON, S.C. — On Tuesday, April 9, 2019, during a board meeting, Lexington County School District One took the first step toward naming a new elementary school in the Gilbert attendance area scheduled for construction on the corner of Highway 1 and Rice Drive in Gilbert, and known as Elementary School #17 in the building plan.

During the meeting, administrators reviewed the school naming process and presented for first reading the name Centerville Elementary School.

As the district chooses names for schools, it seeks feedback from parents, community members, students, etc., and looks for names with historical significance in the area. As part of the process, district administrators met with various groups in the Gilbert school community, considered a number of names, and recommended the name Centerville Elementary School because of its strong historical significance to the area.

In the early 1900s nearby the site of the new school property, Centerville School was established. It began as a one-teacher school. Within a few years, a more modern two-teacher schoolhouse was built. In the year 2000, the original two-room schoolhouse became a residence. In fact, available maps and documents still refer to this area as the Centerville area.

The administration and community are very excited about honoring the long-standing history of education in the Gilbert community by naming the new school Centerville Elementary School.

The Lexington District One board of trustees will continue to take input over the next several weeks regarding this recommendation. Second reading and final action is expected to take place at the April 30, 2019 Board Meeting.

Board members will consider the administration's recommendation and welcome public feedback. You can find board members' contact information here. <http://www.lexington1.net/about/school-board/members>

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