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TO: Jeannine Durkin, Superintendent of Schools
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During the last school year LPS opened the Lowell Day School in its temporary location in Methuen. Lowell Public Schools has now entered into a multi-year lease agreement for the Lowell Day School in Chelmsford. I respectfully request that the name of the school be changed to reflect an honored Lowell citizen or staff member in accordance with the School Committee School Naming Procedure.

It is my understanding that the School Committee previously voted to name the next new building constructed after George Tsapatsaris, who made a great impact on the Lowell Public Schools.

Due to the fact that the school is not a new construction, I would like to suggest another option for the committee to consider. Dr. Janice Adie is a former Teacher, Supervisor and Director of Special Education for Lowell Public Schools. During her tenure as Administrator of Special Education, Dr. Adie expanded programs across the district. She opened the first Classrooms for Students with Autism, hiring the districts first Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Autism Support Specialist. Dr. Adie was also instrumental in developing and opening the Laura Lee and LeBlanc Therapeutic Day Schools for students with social-emotional disabilities. She was a pioneer in providing staff professional development in differentiated instruction to meet the needs of Lowell's diverse learners.

We are very grateful for the School Committee's support of our newest day school and look forward to the school being named in honor of George Tsapatsaris or Janice Adie. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.