

The Lowell Day School, respectfully requests to rename the school to the Dr. Janice Aide Day School.

Dr. Janice Aide began her career in the Lowell Public Schools as a Learning Disability Specialist in 1974 at the Moody and Robinson Schools. In 1975 she was assigned to the Robinson School, as the numbers of identified students across the city began expanding. Janice remained in this position until 1980, when she went on sabbatical. Upon returning in September of 1981, Janice assumed the position of Special Education Coordinator at Lowell High School. She remained there until 1984.

In 1984, Janice became one of three Supervisors of Special Education. When the then current Administrator of Special Education went out on indefinite sick leave, Janice took on the role and assumed the responsibilities as the Acting Administrator in October of 1987. She remained in this position until March 1988. In March 1988 Janice became the Administrator of Special Education, a position she held until her retirement in January 2005.

During her tenure as Administrator of Special Education, Janice expanded programs across the district. She opened the first Classrooms for Students with Autism, hiring a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Autism Support Specialist. Janice 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 professional development regarding differentiated instruction to meet the needs of the diverse learners.

Dr. Adie positively impacted the lives of many families and students who receive special education support by building capacity within the district. Naming the new special education day school the Dr. Janice Adie Day School would honor her work and the staff, students and families that benefited from her innovative leadership.