

As the AASD Board of Education considers the renaming of Lincoln Elementary to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions, what would you like them to know?

I fully support this proposal.

I am writing in support of changing the name of Lincoln Elementary School to honor Ron Dunlap. Ron had a significant impact on my life. He was the principal for several of the years that I was a student at Lincoln. Then, after I graduated from college, I was blessed with the opportunity to teach at Lincoln while Ron was still the principal there. It was really special for me to teach in the building I attended as a child and to work for the principal who was one of the reasons I became a teacher. He was always a mentor for me, especially as I made the transition out of K12 and into higher education. I would love to see AASD name Ron's longtime school after him. His legacy should always be part of that community.

I completely support this. I would love for him to be honored and remembered in this way. As a former student of Lincoln and Mr. Dunlap being such a great mentor, I can't think of a better way to honor his memory. To this day I look back at my time at Lincoln and all of the life lessons that Mr. Dunlap taught me - I am forever grateful.

The impact Ron Dunlap has had on the Fox Cities community is palpable. But what seems most significant to me, is the individual affect he had on each of the students who came through the doors of Lincoln Elementary. The encouragement he gave, the kindness he showed, the expectation of high character and personal responsibility has helped shape a generation of students, who have / will become community leaders and parents likely to carry it forward. Seeing and hearing his name in connection with the school will be a reminder of the values he exuded and a fitting way to honor the man whose presence impacted so many.

This is a great honor for a great man. I was honored to have Mr Dunlap as my principle at Lincoln. He has done so much for the African American culture in our district. My son received his award while attending middle school, and I'm glad he had such a role model to look up to.

Ron Dunlap was an amazing community member, principal, mentor, and support for thousands of students throughout his years in education. Renaming Lincoln Elementary in honor of the man who helped to build up and celebrate the diversity of Appleton, and guide generations to also celebrate and embrace that diversity would be a wonderful tribute to his years of service. For many of us who grew up in Appleton, when someone mentions Lincoln Elementary school, the first thing that comes to mind is Ron Dunlap. The renaming of Lincoln to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary would be a fitting contribution to his legacy.

Mr. Dunlap was an amazing man, and even now I still honor the values he taught me as a kid. He was truly an outstanding man, and renaming Lincoln after him would be the greatest honor to him and his family. As a former Lincoln Lion, I support renaming the school after Mr. Dunlap with my whole heart.

Mr. Ronald Dunlap was principal at Lincoln Elementary School in Appleton when our daughter was in kindergarten. He was such a wonderful man. Gentle, softspoken, respectful and respected, he was so extraordinary. He was a friend and mentor to the children, while teaching manners and discipline. He was an excellent role model. To give you an example of how special he was, when our daughter was 6 years old and in first grade, she went through a time where she just didn't want to go to school. One morning, my mom was getting the kids ready for school while we were at work. Our daughter was refusing to go to school. She cried. My mom called me, and I in turn called the school and told them what was going on. We didn't know what to do. We lived directly across from the school, about 100 yards from the front door. Well, Mr. Dunlap actually came over to our home and talked one-on-one with our daughter, explaining why she needed to go to school. Who does that??? Mr. Dunlap! She did go to school with him that morning, hand in hand I'm told, and we never had the problem again. I baked Mr. Dunlap a batch of chocolate chip cookies to thank him and brought it to the school office. Years later, Mr. Dunlap attended our daughter's graduation. He always attended the graduations of ALL his Lincoln students, and we reminisced about how he brought her to school all those years ago, and we took a photo. He went above and beyond in everything he did! We loved Mr. Dunlap! To rename Lincoln in his honor would be a fitting tribute to this wonderful man for everything he did for education and his students here in Appleton His impact was huge and continues to resonate in Appleton. I fully support this petition and I hope you will too.

This is the best idea ever. I first met Ron and Yvette when my son and his grandson played sports together and we quickly became good friends. I so enjoyed our conversations. Ron was a giant, figuratively and literally. His dedication to Education and to our community is unparalleled. He couldn't go out in public without a former student stopping to say and thank him for all his support throughout the years. Renaming Lincoln School is a great way to honor his legacy and to keep his vision alive for future generations. I could not support this initiative more strongly and urge the Board of Education to approve this proposal and honor this truly great man. Thanks for your consideration.

Mr. Dunlap was a very impactful principal, promoting kindness and respect in the building. He told us everyday to treat others the way we wanted to be treated. He had a great impact on the school and a great way to be honored would be by having the school renamed!

Yes. Please honor this outstanding educator. My son attended Lincoln K-6. He is now 40 years old. I will never forget how all the kids would look up at Mr Dunlap with awe and admiration. I giant of a man in so many ways.

Keep the Lincoln name.

I think it gives the community and students the opportunity to tell Ron's story.

Mr. Dunlap was an awesome educator and person. I vividly remember him personally coming into my first grade conference to help out. It was hilarious to see him in that little chair! Mr. Dunlap helped a school full of students of all backgrounds learn to accept a little more and to judge a little less. And he did it in a way that was unifying rather than divisive which is quite the feat. This would be a wonderful honor for a wonderful man.

Ronald Dunlap not only put an impact on my life but my older brothers as well. We both had his ad a principal and he truly was a ray of sunshine. He cared for the safety and well being of all the children in his school. He was the sunshine on a rainy day, no matter the circumstances he found good to look at. I think renaming the school is an excellent idea, and naming it after the man who set the foundation not only my life but many other students!

I had him as a principal when I attended school there. Great idea!

YES! 1000%, YES! Great, great man, who is missed terribly. I always hear him in my head, telling me to "take the high road!" This is a perfect way to honor him! ♥

This is an incredible honor for a man who deserves it fully.

What a great honor, I think honoring Hometown shows what you can accomplish no matter where you are.

As a multi-racial family, we sought out and open enrolled to Lincoln because of the inclusive and diverse school community. As Lincoln Lion's, we would feel fortunate to honor Mr. Dunlap and carry on his legacy by renaming the school. We see it as a wonderful addition to the Lincoln name.

I support this decision.

I think it's a great idea to rename the school and honor Mr. Dunlap. Teachers/principles often go under appreciated most of their career, I can't think of a better way to show appreciation, that is deserved.

Hello,

I have heard that there will be discussion about renaming Lincoln Elementary in honor of Ron Dunlap. Please consider this email in favor of that motion. Ronald C. Dunlap was a giant in size and heart. He was a champion of social justice well before it was popular or part of the national dialog. He was a mentor to thousands of students and taught us the importance of humanity and empathy. He taught us to be thinkers and doers, called us to act in the face of inequality and speak up for people who couldn't speak for themselves. We learned that justice is not swift, but a long journey. We learned so much from him and it seems so timely that this discussion is coming up in a time when the nation is trying to reconcile race and social justice. It would shine a healing light on the city of Appleton to name this school after him. I can think of no better way to start a hopeful course of action after such a difficult year for students in the face of covid and the race dialog in this beautiful nation of ours. I hope the vote is unanimous and the outpouring of support undeniable.

He was an awesome principal well I was there looked up to him

I think it is a wonderful idea! Ron was amazing and gave so much to the Appleton community and Lincoln School.

Ron Dunlap was a tremendous influence on me as an at-risk student from the very beginning. He was one of the few positive role models I had in my life that never judged me or looked down upon me no matter what mistakes I was making. I will truly never forget the words that he said EVERY morning to us growing up: "treat others the way you wish to be treated, and always carry yourself with respect and dignity".

I attribute a very good portion of my success in career and life to Ron always giving a **** about me and kids like me and saw us as people rather than troublemakers.

I would be happy to consider a donation to the school for any related costs to helping the re-name if it were to pass, as I believe Ron's legacy and teachings should transcend our generation. Rest in Power.

I fully support and encourage the renaming of this school, I was a student at Lincoln and Mr. Dunlap had a profound impact on my childhood and who I am as an adult.

No one is more deserving of an accolade like this than Mr. Dunlap.

I completely agree with the renaming. Mr. Dunlap provided so much support for my son and the community. I think this is a great way to honor him.

My three children had the honor of having Mr Dunlop as their principal all throughout their elementary school years. He was a soft man. His size did not intimidate, but offered protection to his students and faculty. He was a wonderful man that taught my children to respect and love all. I can't imagine anything that could honor his legacy more than renaming the school.

Ron Dunlop was fantastic but I don't think that Renaming is an appropriate way to honor him.

I think its a great idea!

It only takes a moment inside the walls of the school to feel and see the legacy Mr. Dunlap left. Ask anyone who was on staff when Mr. Dunlap was there and you will be treated to a story of how he made their lives better.

Stop trying to rewrite history. There are many other ways to honor this man.

I'm all for it!!! He was a great man!!

I would love for this to happen!

I support this mission thoroughly. When I started teaching at Lincoln, Ron was my mentor, my 2nd father, and my friend. He deserves to be recognized in our community as an outstanding leader both in and out of the school building.

Mr. Dunlap is the one person I think of when looking back on my time as a Lincoln Lion. He was exactly what you needed in a principal as a child. Caring, compassionate and still fun. He knew every child by name in the hall. Always welcomed you in his office to talk when you had a bad day. He was who showed me comfort when I was a child and lost my grandfather whom I lived with while attending Lincoln. I was always proud he was my principal and still am as an adult today. It was an honor to day I knew him.

Mr. Dunlap was a icon for that building and a tremendous influence on students in the whole district. This would be a great way to honor him.

This is a great idea that our family supports wholeheartedly. Ron had a great impact on our 3 children while they attended not only Lincoln Elementary but also as they worked their way through middle and high school. Our children are adults now, but still mention him and how he influenced their lives to this day. Ron Dunlap was an exemplary role model for our entire family.

I fully support renaming the school to reflect a great leader of the AASD and community.

Absolutely YES!! It would be an honor for Lincoln to carry Mr. Dunlap's name.

I think it's a great way to honor Mr.Dunlap as long as they keep home of the Lincoln Lions . Beautiful tribute to an amazing man.

I was a student at Lincoln when Ron Dunlap was the principal. He was an amazing educator that touched the lives of everyone at that school. Long after I forgot the names of most teachers I have always remembered Mr. Dunlap. His presence and ability to inspire the children that went there was unmatched. I strongly agree with changing the name of the school to honor such an amazing man!

I think that this name change should go though. Mr. Dunlap was my principal my 7 years when I attended Lincoln. He made sure that he knew all of his students, walked the halls when he could, and also visit classrooms when he could. He always said the same line after every morning announcements it was, "Please treat others how you want to be treated with dignity and respect." He taught a lot of young people great qualities, and he will be missed! He legacy needs to continue though the school and community.

Although I did not have the privilege of having Mr. Dunlap as my principal, I had the pleasure of meeting him when I was a few years old through my dad. Whenever I saw Mr. Dunlap, he was always very nice and was always curious to see how I was doing, and how my basketball season was going. He was a great guy who not only touched a lot of my friends lives who attended Lincoln, but had a positive impact on mine as well. I believe the renaming after Mr. Ron Dunlap is well-deserved.

I went to Lincoln for first through most of 5th grade before moving across town. I don't remember much about it back from 20+ years ago but I do remember him and the impact he left on me and other students on diversity, inclusion, and taking care of one another.

I think it would be fantastic to name the school after Mr. Dunlap. When I think back on my time in school I always think of him and his daily announcements. He was always there for all of his students even after they graduated and he genuinely cared. The amount of things I remember he did while I was in school are more then I can list here, but the things I remember don't even match the things I have learned he has done throughout the years. It would be an honor to say I attended Lincoln and it was named after the great principal and person whom I had the pleasure of knowing.

I hope this happens! Please rename! Mr. Dunlap deserves it and we do too!

Ron was my very first principal when I got hired. He paved the way for what a true leader should be. He lead by example, always putting his staff and students first. He was not only the best principal I have ever worked for, he was also a true listener, always caring about his staff's well being and advising/counseling them in more ways than I can count. Long after he retired, he continued to make an impact on the community. He continued to stay in touch with students and staff. I would love more than anything for the school to be named in his honor.

Yes it should be named after him.

I was a student at Lincoln along with my siblings while Mr.Dunlap was the principal. He was MANY great things & one thing That really stuck with me because he would always say it thru speaker every morning was " Treat others the way You would like to be treated" till this day I catch myself saying it (having flashbacks of his voice thru the speaker) & doing it because he was very right and now more then ever with everything going on. I could share many more great memories of Mr.Dunlap but I will instead end with Mr.Dunlap was Such a Great Person & role model those who got to know him are blessed to have had him around & those that didn't get the chance and won't should know a Great Man/human like Mr.Dunlap existed & it might encourage others to follow & one day do just as Great...Yes, to renaming Lincoln to Ronald C. Dunlap.

I would love for Lincoln to be named after Mr.Dunlap!

Please rename Lincoln Elementary to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions

I think it's a great idea. He sounds like quite the man.

I think this would be an excellent way to honor Mr. Dunlap and to keep the legacy and memory of this phenomenal man alive.

Great Idea!! Someone who is truly amazing and deserving of this honor. It will solidify his legacy in this community for the years to come. Educators go in to the field because they are compassionate, loving, and want to make a difference in the lives of the youth in our community. Educators do not go in to the field for money or recognition, rather to be a humanitarian and a servant leader. Ron has done all of this and more. I hope the board votes unanimously on this and gives Ron the recognition he was not seeking but certainly is deserving of. Thank you.

I met Ronald in high school at Appleton West during where I had recently transferred. I had a lot of troubles at home which led me to move out and take on a pseudo 'emancipated teenager' status and enroll at West. As a 17 year old, I was ecstatic to be on my own, but finishing that semester was incredibly challenging despite having been a straight-A student for as long as I could remember. Without a militant father to keep me in line, I really struggled. I regularly stayed up too late, stopped studying, and had the worst semester of my life. I must have connected with Ronald through the one of the school's guidance programs, and he had an immediate impact on me. You don't frequently meet someone of his stature, but I was immediately impressed by his friendly and calm demeanor. I credit him with helping me to 'remember the big picture' and helping me get back on track with school. He was always super adamant that focus on school, study for the ACT, and be on my best behavior and I listened. We met almost weekly throughout the rest of high school and we continued our relationship afterwards as he and I would meet for breakfast where we'd talk about classes, my major, internships, and career aspirations. He always spoke fondly of his children and grandchildren, the challenges with work, and occasionally we'd talk about basketball.

I was really saddened when he had passed away almost two years ago. I always appreciated that he challenged me to do better and focus on going to college; he was just an awesome person to have in your corner. He wrote one of my college letter's of recommendation which helped me to 1. get multiple scholarship offers for school and 2. get into my dream college. I didn't really realize until after his passing just how many other people he had left a positive impact on. The outpouring of anecdotes and stories about Mr. Dunlap really shed light on the caliber of a person Mr. Dunlap was and spoke volumes to his contribution to the Appleton School District and the community he served. I'm really grateful to have known Mr. Dunlap and hope the committee will consider renaming the Lincoln school that he served wonderfully for so many years in his honor.

I went to Lincoln for elementary school and I had to honor of having Mr. Dunlap as a principal. Although I remember being afraid of him as a kindergartener, due to his large stature, I soon realized that he was one of the most kind and considerate people that I would ever have the pleasure of meeting. Throughout my 13 years in the district I can confidently say that Mr. Dunlap was one of the few people that I had come across that I knew genuinely cared for his students, their families, his staff, the district, and the community. When I heard of his passing I was extremely saddened and all I could think of are those words that he said every single day at the end of the morning announcements, " treat people the way you wish to be treated and carry yourself with respect and dignity." As an adult, those words still stick with me. They're almost like a life motto and I thank Mr. Dunlap for that. I wish that all children, present and future, could have the honor of knowing Mr. Dunlap and having him as a principal. He was someone that could truly change the lives of his students due to his kind heart that was full of equality and compassion for those around him. I can only speak of him as a principal as I don't know much about his life and career outside of the district but I can only imagine that it was just as impactful as it was for the district. Mr. Dunlap did so much for us, his students, and his community during his time on this earth and I feel that renaming the school in his honor would be a wonderful way of showing our gratitude for him and all that he provided. I would be so proud to

Please do not rename the school

I grew up less than a block from Lincoln. There will never be a day that I do not think of Mr. Dunlap as I pass that building. Looking at the corner windows, I will forever remember it as his office. Not only was he an incredible influence on me as a principal, but as a continued friend of the family and positive life force in the community. Lincoln would be honored to share a namesake with such a man.

Love the name change :)

Wonderful idea to honor Ron Dunlap, but Lincoln merits a school as well. Rename Columbus, Highlands, or Horizons as Lincoln?

There is zero drawback to this. Honors a wonderful man in way that he would never ask. I encourage the change.

What a great way to honor Mr Dunlap. I hope the school is not only named after him but continues to teach children that every person should be treated with dignity and respect.

The name Lincoln School has been called that for a long time. Ron Dunlap was a principal there for a short time. Who really knows him?

If anyone deserves to have this school named after them, it would be Mr.Dunlap. The years he spent dedicated his time to his school and students didn't go unnoticed. He was more than just a principal to many people at that school. Mr. Dunlap has changed my life and many many of my peers'. He was a great role model. To this day, I still use his saying "treat people the way you wish to be treated, with dignity and respect". No matter who I meet or where I meet them, I treat everyone with the same respect I would want them to treat me with. Mr. Dunlap truly made a mark on this world. I hope his morals and kindness are passed down to many generations to come. He made the Appleton School District a better and safer place to learn.

Lincoln Elementary was Ron Dunlap's school. He commanded respect from all of his students and treated them like family - disappointing Ron was like disappointing your own father. He truly cared for all of his students and wanted them to succeed. Renaming Lincoln would be a wonderful legacy for a well respected and loved educator.

If Ron has spent his entire Appleton career at Lincoln, and stayed there until he retired I might feel differently, but he LEFT Lincoln to further his career. Let it stay with the name he had when he LEFT it.

Please do not change the name; that would take away the identity of all former Lincoln students and alumni. As a retired educator I can support finding a different way to honor the memory of Ronald C. Dunlap who contributed much to the students and school district.

I would like to keep the name of the school Lincoln but then name a gym or cafeteria or performing arts space after Ronald Dunlap. Maybe the LMC? I feel it is the integrity of the school and the community to continue to recognize ABraham Lincoln and his legacy, especially in these trying times of civil strife and racial hardships

Do not change the name of the elementary school.

My experiences with Ron Dunlap were not all pleasant. I majored in history and if anyone deserves a school named after them it is Abraham Lincoln. Keep the school's original name. If AASD wants to name something after Ron Dunlap it should be something else.

I'm split on the name change. We aren't replacing a generic here, like West Elementary or something. The hyphen, while I understand its intent, does push aside one for the other. Our family did not know Mr Dunlap, and we were not impacted by his tenures in the district. However, as he was a mentor to Mr McClone, he must have been amazing, because Mr McClone is truly amazing, and if he recommends this change, then I am inclined to follow his lead. The arguments for- and against- the change are equal for me: my children who attend the school, it's legacy a piece of them now and forever, are there for respectively brief moments. The name, the change, is bigger than my opinion. There is something to be said for heritage, history. There is also something to be said for change, honor, moving forward. Lincoln and Dunlap- 2 big names, significant importance, one of a nation and one of a community, both important men who made a difference to everyday people. I'm not sure what the right way is here, but I think there had better be a good majority in favor of the change for it to happen. My vote goes with McClone's.

Mr. Dunlap positively affected many more lives than any of us will ever truly know. Who this man was, his presence in the community, his teachings and leadership, his legacy will forever influence the future generations of Appleton. He deserves the recognition for the changes he advocated for, the people he spoke up for, the hundreds of children he treated as his own, believing in every single one of them and leaving no one behind. This community wouldn't have been the same without his genuine kindness and strong values. He deserves the honor and recognition for all the love he poured into this community. He never forgot about any of us, so let's make sure we never forget about him.

I agree with the change, what a great honor it will be for Mr. Dunlap. I love the story/history he holds with this amazing school!

I fully support the decision as a former student of Lincoln Elementary. Ron truly deserves this honor for all he has done for the school and furthermore, the community

I support this renaming proposal. I'm a former Lincoln Lion. I reside in the Appleton area and have a successful career. A portion of my success is unquestionably due to the impact of knowing Mr. Dunlap and having him as a role model, friend, and principal. I fully and enthusiastically support this, am grateful to those who thought of this and are proposing it, and hope to see my alma mater's name changed.

Love the name change.

I 100% support this while I never encountered Mr.dunlap through my years at AASD he had a major impact on my brother. His life wouldn't be the same without mr.dunlap.

This is an outstanding idea and Ron definitely deserved to be honored in this way. He served as an outstanding role model for our diverse population. Many districts are trying to hire and retain more people of color. Having outstanding teachers and administrators of color who shared their abundant gifts with us, such as Ron and Yvette have done, can help inspire students of color by having these positive role models. By naming the school after Ron, it will also serve to inspire all of us for many years to come.

I attended Lincoln Elementary for Kindergarten through second grade, at which point we moved across town and thus to another school. When I look back on my years throughout school, there is only one principal that made any sort of impact or impression upon my learning and he was Ron Dunlap. He truly cared about his students, all of them. He made you feel like you were special by just simply being himself. He towered over us in a way that made you believe he could touch the sky but he was gentle enough that we always felt safer under his care and guidance. I believe changing the name of Lincoln Elementary to honor Mr. Dunlap is a wonderful idea. Please bestow upon him the honor and respect that he gave to his community day in and day out and so rightly deserves.

What, exactly, is wrong with "Lincoln"? Did he, or did he not help to make slave ownership illegal, when it had been legal for hundreds of years prior? Ron Dunlap was a great man, my dad was friends with him, but build a new school and name it Dunlop. Don't disrespect Lincoln with this ridiculous act. Why are you even spending time on this?

I would like to keep the Lincoln school name and you should rename the library as the Ronald C. Dunlap library.

It would be more appropriate to honor Mr. Dunlap by naming the gym or another prominent room at Lincoln Elementary in his honor, keeping the name of the school as is to honor this president who proclaimed emancipation. Another option is to rename the school district office in Mr Dunlap's honor for his contributions to the district and the community.

Keep Lincoln as is. Our schools are at or over capacity. Build a new school and honor Mr. Dunlap by naming the new school after him.

Ronald Dunlap was a great man and continues to be a strong influence in my life. Having my former Elementary School named after him would be a great honor, and I very much support it

Great tribute to man who turned the school around during his time there. Both of my sons attended Lincoln Elementary School. Mr. Dunlap made a positive and immediate difference when he arrived. My sons are adults. I asked them their thoughts. They both said "Ron Dunlap contributed more that school and neighborhood than Abraham Lincoln did." If Abraham Lincoln were able to decide, he would undoubtly say the name of the school should be changed to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School.

I would love to see the name change. He was my principal when I went there. The man taught me very valuable life lessons at an early age. He would surprise me and just show up to my little league tournaments in the summer .

I think it's a great idea and I love that Lincoln will still be incorporated in the name/logo.

Abraham Lincoln did more than Ron and the name of the school should remain Lincoln Elementry

I can clearly remember the announcements he made daily and what he said has stuck with me my whole life. "Treat others the way you wish to be treated, And always carry yourself with respect and dignity." He was an amazing, kind and extremely patient person.

Abraham Lincoln is a major historical figure whose leadership of our country during an era of profound division should be honored. His determination to end chattel slavery in the US makes him our greatest president. Since Mr. Dunlap was committed to equality and diversity not just at Lincoln school but throughout the district and the community, he should be honored by having Columbus school named after him, not Lincoln. We should learn about Columbus but his genocidal campaign against the native people of the Americas should no longer be honored.

No, he may have been a great part of the school in the past but future generations won't know him or have any significance. The change can be costly and just confusing to all in Appleton to rename a school after so many years. Get a memorial playground for him or bench, something that can symbolize with in a better fashion. Rename the Gym or Library in his honor. Not the school.

Mr.Dunlap always listened to all sides of of a discussion before he fairly handed out the consequences for misbehavior. He has always fair and never but students down for their bad behavior. He explained why the behavior was unacceptable and the reasoning of the consequences.

I am in favor of the name change

I support the name change wholeheartedly!

Mr. Dunlap was and amazing principal and 100% deserves this honor. I remember him coming out during recess one today to help us learn some basketball skills! One of many amazing memories of him!

Yes I think it's a great idea . He meant so much to me and to so many other people too !

I love this idea! This makes me feel proud to be an Alumni of Lincoln Elementary and moving forward as the Ronald C. Dunlap elementary school home of the Lincoln Lions, Such a wonderful honor towards Mr. Dunlap and to those who knew him.

I attended Lincoln Elementary a long time ago and will miss that name being associated with my alma mater, however, I served on a couple of community committees with Ron Dunlap and knew him through my professional career. Mr. Dunlap displayed all the exemplary characteristics and made choices that reflect the person he was. He lead by example and earned respect throughout our community. I believe he would be humbled to have the school named in his honor. I am strongly in favor of this school name change and helping his legacy to live on. He was a great man!

I fully support renaming Lincoln Elementary. Mr. Dunlap was an amazing person. A wonderful legacy for a great educator.

After my retirement I continued to stay in touch with my Lincoln family. This included attending funerals of previous Lincoln staff and Lincoln students who had passed. At each gathering Ron was also in attendance. Many, many previous Lincoln family members, many students all approached Ron with wonderful memories. As I left each funeral, including Rons funeral I realized just how large of an effect Ron had on so many Lincoln families. A wonderful legacy indeed!

It is a wonderful idea to do this!

I had Mr. Dunlap as my principal kindergarten through sixth grade. He had such an influence on myself, my other classmates, and anyone that got the pleasure to meet him. I will never forget to treat other with dignity and respect because of him. This would be such a great way to honor him.

I am in favor of this renaming! He has made an impact for so many in the AASD and his legacy will forever be that of Lincoln Lions yesterday, today and tomorrow!

I think the renaming would be a great tribute to exceptional person who was principal when my daughter went to Lincoln

Ronald Dunlap was an amazing principal that did a ton for the community. I am 100% for this!!

I think Lincoln Elementary should be renamed the Ronald C Dunlap Elementary School

Mr. Dunlap has inspired so many of us. When I think about my elementary school years I think about him first. He reached out to so many of us, and made a real effort to be part of our lives. He was committed to bettering everyone through education and pure humanity. He was leading the way, and we benefited immensely. To be honest, we would sometimes refer to him as school dad and daddy Dunlap when he would have heart to heart talks with us, guiding us on paths that taught us how to be good and successful people. I know I'm not alone when I say that he made the school what it is, and I will always remember his genuine kindness and infectious positive attitude. Though I'm proud to call myself a Lincoln Lion alumni, but I would be proud to know the community would never forget him and his amazing contributions by renaming the school.

I think this is an amazing idea and a fitting way to remember Mr Dunlap

He told us all to have high expectations for ourselves and taught us how to live up to them.

Mr. Dunlap changed countless lives, he was hope for a lot of children. I believe you should ABSOLUTELY honor him by changing the school name.

Mr. Dunlap was a great man and loved by so many. He was gentle with us children and very respectful to all parents. I remember having a lemonade stand with a friend and we asked him to come. He called my mom first to make sure it was okay that he stopped by. We were so excited that he came! It would be an honor to name Lincoln Elementary after him, he deserves it. ♥

I typically stay very quiet about AASD and your decisions, but I think that this is a slap in parents faces right now. The fact that you are even considering a name change when you can't figure out how to send kids to school full time. This is an embarrassment to AASD. My family and I are currently looking to move because I have lost all faith in your decision making.

Let's put kids first and follow the ORDER that we need to open schools. Allow us mother's to get back to work instead of having to school our kids.

Once schools are open please feel free to rename anything you would like.

As a lifetime resident of Appleton I strongly disagree with "re-naming" Lincoln Elementary School. While Mr. Dunlap's dedication certainly deserves to be honored based upon what I have read, President Abraham Lincoln (a historical figure) did more for diversity than any other single human being in the United States of America by signing the Emancipation Proclamation. A complete name change is unnecessary to honor Mr. Dunlap's legacy and disrespectful to President Lincoln. Perhaps the library, the gym, the principal's office could be named in his honor? Or, perhaps a statue of children of diverse backgrounds playing/learning together could be commissioned with a plaque of honor and remembrance. for Mr. Dunlap? There are many wonderful ways to show respect for Mr. Dunlap's legacy short of "re-naming" the school.

I support the name change.

I had not heard of Ronald C. Dunlap before this renaming proposal was brought up. I'm sure he was a great principal and contributed a lot, but it does come across as strange to rename a whole school after him. Why not just rename the auditorium or put up a statue or plaque?

I also think that the Board of Education should be spending more time & energy on figuring out how to get all the students back into school 5 days a week and how to bring up the failing grades, and less time on renaming school. There is a lack of quality education and quantity of education at the high school level. This is far more important than renaming a school. Every student, every day! It comes across as especially thoughtless and uncaring when more of the board meeting is dedicated to discussing this renaming, than it is to answering questions submitted and discussing how in-person can be increased.

Also why have we not had feedback forms like this for parents, families and staff to comment on how the hybrid model is working for grades 5-12? Or how virtual learning was going for all those months? I urge you to provide this kind of feedback form as you look towards adding more in-person schooling for 5-12. Deb suggested getting feedback for this renaming subject and the board agreed. Yet when she asked for increased feedback about the elementary model, it was not allowed in any capacity. The learning model affects way more families and is far more important than what you name a building. This is why parents feel that you are so out of touch with us. You do not provide listening opportunities when it matters.

I full heartedly support this! Mr. Dunlap was my principal and he was the absolute greatest! This change has my full support!!

I approve. Ron was a gentle giant.

Place a memorial plaque at the school to honor him. That's a worthy and generous tribute to him. Don't waste all that money on the expenses that will result from changing the school's name. Lincoln should still and always be recognized as a man who deserves the school named after him. Like most members of the public, no one has ever heard of this principal. He will not go down in history widely recognized as a famous person. He will always be just a person who when asked about people will respond "Who"?

I would think that getting our kids into school 5 days a week and up to speed again, or at least where they were at when this hold debacle started would be a bigger priority! My daughter is struggling to find meaning in school. My grandson liked school and was engaged until virtual School. Have you not noticed the mental health problems in addition to the academic struggles that are occurring with the kids ????? FFS, pull your heads out of the sand and pay attention to what really matters right now!!! and that's NOT renaming a school!

Mr. Dunlap was the very best principal. Even though I was only a student at Lincoln Elementary for two years, his interactions with myself my fellow classmates still leave an impact. He provided daily demonstrations of how to show respect to everyone, adult and child alike. I can still hear his voice reminding us to "always treat others with respect and dignity". As a young child those daily words were a reminder of how to be a good human but as an adult I appreciate their significance even more.

I am confused why this of all things is a priority. I think this should be tabled until we have kids in school full time. The name of the school doesn't matter if you don't have kids in it. I would rather time be spent on figuring out how to get my kid in your school 5 days a week. No one cares about anything else right now. It is comparable to asking what color paint we should do the walls as the building is burning down. No one cares. Put the fire out first then worry about the darn color of the walls. Seriously AASD???? You want me to take time to discuss the darn name? Stupid.

Absolutely not!!! They should remain Lincoln Elementary. We should be focusing on our children's education at this point in time, not renaming a school. We need our older students back in school five days a week. This upsets me to no end that this is even a topic. Put your focus into our children's future and the future of this country and community. Very extremely enraged with Appleton's School Board throughout this whole process. What are you guys doing??? Obviously not focusing on the importance of our children.

Keep Lincoln Elementary. Nothing is racist about that. Please leave this wonderful name alone and let Abraham Lincoln be a role model to students.

I am in favor of changing the name in honor of Mr. Dunlap!

I think this is highly inappropriate on many levels and do not think the name should be changed. The district needs to focus on how to get the kids back in school full time with in person instruction, not being taught behind a screen while in the same room. The district needs to figure out how to catch all the kids up that it has failed over the last year. This is not the time to have this discussion, it is insulting.

Having had Mr. Dunlap as my principal my entire elementary school career, I could not think of a more fitting tribute. This is a no brainer.

Please don't change the name.

Definitely yes!

This is a fabulous idea. Mr. Dunlap was an amazing principal. My children loved him and actually cried the day he retired.

I am 100% in favor of the renaming of the school to what is proposed. It's nice to honor the local heroes who have made a difference. I would also like the same thing done with Columbus School--it is time to rethink and rename that school because of our continued understanding of the "founding" of this country. Also rethink the names of Jefferson and McKinley as they were slave owners. There are many local people who ought to have schools named after them.

Through these experiences I got to know Ron Dunlap. I was always impressed by how much he loved his students and believed in each student's ability to succeed. He was a thoughtful leader. His devotion to Lincoln School and its students is legendary. Renaming Lincoln School would be a wonderful tribute.

Ron Dunlap had a profoundly huge impact on my experience at Lincoln Elementary. He was an incredible leader with an endless amount of kindness, dignity, and fairness. He taught all of us how to value our education, how to stand for what's right, and how to carry ourselves as respectful members of our community. Ron Dunlap was truly a difference maker.

I fully support this name change. It is the most fitting way to honor him.

Do not change the name of the school.

Renaming schools, even for stellar leaders, opens up problems down the road for other stellar leaders and educators that people may push for naming a school after that person. It's a slippery slope to change the name of a school. Perhaps a single room or gym is a better idea.

Yes. Do it.

This issue is completely unimportant at this time. Until our children are all back in school full time, it is extremely obtuse of this board/district to further discussion of this name change. I have nothing in particular against this name change (but, perhaps, for the appearance of pandering)... but I would like this discussion to be halted and not taken up again until the primary issue at hand is dealt with and all of our children are returned to full time face-to-face education (as is possible and evidenced by the success of our neighboring schools and private schools in our area).

I was a Lincoln Elementary student from 4th-6th grade and I remember Ron Dunlap as an incredibly tall man with a gentle, calming presence, an easy smile, and a great laugh. He had such a positive impact on all of us: students, parents, and the community. I will always remember the morning announcements ending with "treat people the way you wish to be treated and always carry yourself with respect and dignity." He practiced what he preached in his daily life and was a well respected leader in the school system and the community because his actions reflected his words. Those words stuck with me through middle school and high school and even into adulthood. Ron Dunlap's influence as a leader in my childhood has certainly had an impact on my growth and development as a person. I am so grateful to have had the privilege of knowing him. Having many younger siblings, I encountered Mr. Dunlap throughout my years as a student and even at school events for my youngest sibling as I went through and graduated college. He remembered my name at every encounter and we would share life updates and engage in small talk. Mr. Dunlap always made me feel proud of how far I had come; and every time I saw him I was surprised that he remembered who I was. That's who he was though, a well respected and accessible leader who made everyone around him feel important. Renaming Lincoln Elementary would be an ideal way to honor his legacy and acknowledge all that he has done for students both past and present and the Appleton community.

Please do so! He was a big part of my childhood. Starting everyday with "Treat others the way you wish to be treated" was the BEST!!

Ron Dunlap was one of the most admirable figures from my formative years. He made himself available to pay respects at my Grandmother's funeral when I was young even though I don't think anyone specifically informed him about it and I'll never forget that kindness. He led by example, made you strive to be a good example yourself, and I'll always remember his daily emphasis on treating others the way you wish to be treated. His is one of the examples of an educator from my years in the AASD where I am certain I became a better person via his influence. He is above and beyond deserving of having his former school named after him, I only wonder how he would feel about having the honor conferred upon him.

I would like the board to focus on what really matters right now and that is getting our students back in school. Hybrid is a joke. The high school hours are a joke. Kids teaching themselves biology with pre-recorded videos is a joke. How can you ask for parent input on the renaming of a school when you have conveniently ignored us and the students you are supposed to serve for almost a year? The failure rate is absurdly high, but renaming a school is a priority? The mental health of students is suffering, but renaming a school is a priority? AASD School Board and District, I am begging you to get your act together and do better. I am disgusted by your lack of efforts to make the students of Appleton your priority and am telling everyone I meet or who have younger children to run fast and far away from your district. Unfortunately, those of us with high school students are stuck so please get to work on the issues that matter right now; getting back to school 5 days a week and fixing the failure rate.

Why is this a priority now? I have many friends and family with children in the school district that have not been in class. I don't understand why other districts can figure out how to get kids back in school. At this time it really seems tone deaf.

Absolutely do it! I approve 100%

Mr. Dunlap was a tremendously positive influence on me as an elementary school student at Lincoln. I can't think of a better way to honor and remember Mr. Dunlap than to name Lincoln Elementary after him. I am in full support of this proposal.

Why is this on the radar of AASD at a time of crisis? I have nothing against Ronald Dunlap and he seems like he was a person worthy of some sort of honor, but I believe it is ridiculous for the school board or district to be considering anything of this manner, while we don't even have all the kids in school full time! The priorities of the school board are baffling! This is not the time... surely this can wait!

Regarding the actual renaming... I have no problem naming a school after Mr. Dunlap at some point, but I'd suggest it when we build a new one, rather than stripping the history of a current school. I went to schools in the district, and I don't want the history of those names removed, so I am against setting that precedent here. I realize the significance of him being principal at Lincoln, but maybe name the auditorium or gym after him there for now, then name any new built school after him if he's still deemed worthy of that honor. Don't start stripping Appleton's history. Please!

I have concerns on the appearance of priorities of renaming this school at this time. Especially as we're in the midst of COVID and currently don't have our students fully back in the classroom. We have a responsibility to the students and parents to help recover academically to the loss of face to face teaching time. Our resources and time would be better spent addressing these issues.

The other concern is why this school and principal. We have had many wonderful principals. My suggestion would be to rename the gym in honor Ron Dunlap, similar to what has been done in the past. President Lincoln is a huge part of our nation's history and currently our culture is canceling his name. I'm not sure if this would send an unify message to our community at large.

Just some thoughts to consider. Thank you for your time and all that you do for AASD.

In the current political climate I think this is a bad idea that actually sends a "cancel culture" message. Surely there are other more suitable ways to honor him that would not encourage the "cancel culture" mob.

Yes!!!!!!

This is a great idea!

Ron Dunlap was a man who impacted students and made relationships with all students. He took students of color and showed them the excellence they can achieve by having heart to heart conversations with them. You knew Mr. Dunlap cared for and wanted the best for you by the way he smiled at you and greeted you by name. He made you feel important. As someone who did not have Mr. Dunlap as a principal but grew up watching him, he is one of many people who influenced me to enter the field of education.

I attended Lincoln Elementary school; I think this is a great idea and should be implemented. My only suggestion would to perhaps make the name shorter—Dunlap Elementary School—but it'd be fine either way.

I oppose renaming Lincoln Elementary school to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School. While Mr. Dunlap had an honorable career in the Appleton School district, it does not surpass the many accomplishments of our past president Lincoln. There are many other naming opportunities in the district/school which would be more appropriate. A plaque in the school could also be an honor for this past principal and his sixteen years in that position. Thank you!

I'm am opposed to the change. Lincoln has had a greater positive impact on life in America than Dunlap.

Please rename the school, he was a fantastic educator.

I am a retired APD officer and worked closely with Ron throughout my career. Renaming Lincoln School in honor of Ron Dunlap is a great idea.

I support this name change. There are plenty of schools named for Lincoln across the United States and I like the idea of naming our schools after people who made a local impact.

I find this to not only be appropriate but something important to honor someone that dedicated so much of his life to the school and raising the expectation of the education given there.

Mr. Ronald Dunlap was an inspirational person to myself and many others growing up and helped instill morals in me that have lasted over 20 years. "Treat others the way you wish to be treated and always carry yourself with respect and dignity" that wasn't something that he said every day for nothing. He truly lived by that example each and every day. I could not think of a better person to rename Lincoln Elementary School after. It has been years since I left Lincoln Elementary School yet some of the lessons that I learned there especially from Mr. Ronald Dunlap will stay with me forever.

Don't change the name.

My two children went to Lincoln and had Ron Dunlap for a principal. He treated the students like they were his own: a firm hand when needed and a hug when so very necessary. When I had an issue with a teacher, he went to the conference with me and sat in those ever so small chairs and helped come to a good outcome for all. He was a man of great caring, understanding and kindness. Once he left Lincoln, he made an even greater impact on the community and school district. I would be so very proud to have Lincoln renamed after Ron Dunlap and be able to say that my kids and I had the privilege of knowing and learning from him.

Yes- please change. Ron Dunlap had done so much for the community and district. He would be a great name to represent the school and what an honor for the community to name a school after him.

Mr. Dunlap deserves so much more to honor his legacy but this is a brilliant start. Graduate from Aasd he was there every step of the way. This should pass easily but I want to make sure you know not changing the name would be a terrible mistake.

This is a fantastic idea! I 100% support honoring this man. He had a profound impact on the families at Lincoln as well as this community. Thank you for choosing to honor Ron in this way!

Please rename the school!!!! He was the best principle I have ever had and is very deserving of this honor!!!

I went to Lincoln Elementary, Wilson Middle School and eventually graduated from Appleton West Highschool. Growing up and being the youngest of the 3 boys Mr Dunlap came to know, I only knew him as the strong, tall leader of the school. My classmates and I would sit in "Awe" at just how giant he seemed to be to us kids. We were terrified of doing any wrong before him, but at the same time tirelessly eager to be called down to his office to say the Pledge of Allegiance with him for morning announcements. I didnt know it then, but since becoming an adult I have really grown to appreciate things Mr. Dunlap taught me. I have come to recognize the people in life who had been taught by him, the few of us lucky ones to be shown from such a younge age that no matter your gender, age, skin color or financial position, we are all humans and should treat others the way we wish to be treated. With kindness, respect and dignity.

I usually don't participate in stuff like this when I see it on Facebook or news sources, but I truly believe that Mr. Ronald Dunlap deserves to have Lincoln Elementary renamed after him. This community would be so much different if he hadn't been with us for so long, and I believe we owe it to him!

This is a step in the right direction and I whole heartedly support it! Not only will it honor an incredible leader but it will tell our Black and Brown students they matter.

Mr. Dunlap has shaped so many lives within the Appleton community. He was a strong, brave, honorable and kind man that was always willing to put others before him. He was also constant role model for us, he exemplified what we should have grown into as we embarked on our futures. Hopefully he is proud of where all of his students have ended up during life's journey. As a former Lincoln Lion, he taught me to be kind to those around me, carry myself with respect and dignity, all while fighting for what's right. This tribute in his name is not enough to embody the mark he left in all of our hearts, but it's a good start. I fully support the name transition of Lincoln Elementary into Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary.

I worked with Ron at Lincoln Elementary and think it would be a great honor to have the school named after such an amazing educator and role model. He positively affected and formed so many lives-we deserve to have a school named after him.

This is a brilliant idea and a great tribute to a kind, wise man. Please consider this name change.

Renaming a school erases history. This man needs something new and of his own.

Ron has done such awesome things in his life and for the school district! This is an honor his family and friends so deserve.

I think this is a fabulous idea. Please vote to rename Lincoln Elem. School to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School - Home of the Lincoln Lions. He deserves the tribute.

It is wonderful to rename the school after
Someone that is relevant to what is happening and impacted the school community.

Yes

I wholeheartedly support this proposal and think it is a fitting way to honor Ron's legacy and inspire future leaders in Ron's footsteps.

Change the name

Why would you want to take the name of "The Great Emancipator " off the name of a school, especially during "Black History Month". Did they not teach you this in history class? I am so glad that you have solved all other concerns with AASD, that you can prioritize this stupidity.

There are monuments to President Lincoln all over the Fox Cities, and rightfully so. Changing the name of a school is not diminishing him in any capacity. Ron deserves this honor as a person who touched so many lives in the region and served as the community griot, as the memory keeper and support for generations of Black community residents. The Fox Cities have come a long way from the depths of the Nadir in becoming a more welcoming place for all and Ron was a big part of that transition. He put in the sweat and he faced many hard nights where White community members were simply resistant to change, but he always kept a focus on the potential in people. There is still a lot of work to be done to fully realize the possibilities for equity and diversity in the region. Ron was a true role model of what we as a community aspire to be.

Rename it.. He deserved this he was a good man

I think it is a wonderful idea to rename the school to honor and in remembrance of Mr. Dunlap's legacy. He did many things to advocate for our diverse communities within Appleton and the Fox Valley area. This change will be very meaningful to our community.

It is a terrible idea. My first day of kindergarten was the first day that Lincoln opened. There have been many principals, each and all deserve their name on the school as much as Mr. Dunlap. The school is named after one of our finest presidents, and as great as he may have been, Mr Dunlap was no equal. The legacy of the school needs to remain intact, not a subtitle. Put a memorial out front for him. Or name the next school. Don't mess up the history and the memories of the many thousands of us who spent 7 years there.

Leave the Lincoln name alone. If you need to name something, consider naming the courtyard or the library. It should not have to involve the public or alumni. I strongly vote no.

Please rename the school!!! He was the best principle I have ever had and is very deserving of this honor!!!

He was by far, the most amazing example of excellence— personally and professionally.

He was my principle for 6 years , I still think about him to this day. He has a made a difference in my life even 22 years later.

Excellent idea!

This is a major honor that Mr. Dunlap deserves. He will forever be remembered for all that he has done in this world and the impacts he has made in so many lives.

I had Mr. Dunlap as one of my principals when I went to Lincoln. He was such a great and caring man. I think this would be a great idea to honor him in this way.

I think this is the best way to preserve and strengthen Mr. Dunlap's dedication to education and inclusivity. I went to Lincoln in which Ron was my principal. He made a huge impact on my life at school and at home. I carry his words of wisdom with me everyday;and everyday I can hear him come on to the announcements and repeat "Treat people the way you wish to be treated and always carry yourself with respect and dignity." It is apparent that he has touched so many lives over the years and I whole heartedly support this decision. Teaching elementary school children his story is a great way to broaden their minds and help them to be better people.

I think Ron fits all of the criteria for this board policy. Ron was a great leader in our community. This is a great way to honor him. I am in full agreement with this plan.

This renaming is a great way to keep the tradition of Lincoln while still honoring Mr. Dunlap. He was a great man and deserves a special honor in the AASD community.

What a wonderful way to honor this tremendous and genuinely caring educator! Ron was not only good to his students, he cared very much about his faculty and members of the community and families located in the area.

I will never forget how he visited homes and actually talked to families and students who were having particular problems. He would stop by my room at least once a week to check on the progress of many of my students, all of whom he knew by name. If he heard a complaint, he would find that child and discuss it with them personally.

Ron worked with UW Oshkosh to bring in student interns to help with the wide variety of student needs in the school. The needs of the diverse students at Lincoln always came first. Many students received that extra bit of attention and encouragement because of his efforts and dedication. Many of these interns went on to become excellent teachers in the Appleton School District.

Ron worked tirelessly to help his teachers succeed...always there very early in the morning and staying late in the evening. If you had a question, he was always happy to listen and give an opinion.

I hope the Appleton School District will move forward with the renaming of Lincoln School to honor Ron. Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School-Home of the Lincoln Lions is a very well deserved and fitting legacy.

This is a stupid waste of time and money. Replacing the name Lincoln with a "new" name is showing that you are pandering. Stop it. Students are number one! Get them back to school 5 days a week. Stop wasting your time and our money on this! If you really want to pander, give the school a number and be done with it. Goes to show students are NOT number one. And yet some un known person who wants to be famous and probably gave money to you is wasting time and money!! Stop it. You are better then being pandering fools.

I fully support the choice to rename the school to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School! Not only are we honoring this incredible man, we are honoring our local community and our special history as a city.

My heart sank when I saw this article because anyone with half a brain (such as myself) can see what's coming. Pandora's box has been opened in the most innocent of ways at the expense of two great men. Out of the box will come hate, resentment, self-righteousness, bigotry, racism, community division, and more. Your timing seems almost contrived and that's concerning.

Mr Dunlap was a wonderful educator and mentor. That would be a great honor to his legacy to name the school after him.

Ron was an amazing man. He changed the attitude of Lincoln School.

I SAY NO WAY TO A NAME CHANGE, keep it Lincoln School. We don't need to change it's long time standing history associated with the name of Lincoln School. because of a few that feel the need.

Plus I am wondering what the actual cost will be to us Appleton tax payers to cover all expenses to implement a name change for one school?

Also what's next, Wilson, Columbus, Einstein, Franklin, Jefferson or Madison? You already changed Roosevelt's name a few years ago

This sends a message that the Lincoln name is no longer valued. Quite frankly, I find it offensive that you would consider removing the name Lincoln. Why does one name have to be removed to honor another? Pick a street or park, instead of a school that already has a historical name like Lincoln. Also, this sets a precedence. Will you be able to name every school after a long term, dedicated principal? What happens when someone serves as long and at such a dedicated level as Ron. Will you be willing to remove Ron's name?

It's imperative that our district leadership and elected school board focuses on the major issues within our district. Our kids mental health and over ability to function as future leaders and hopefully local community members is beyond a critical state. The name of a school that's barely being used can wait until kids are back in school 5 days per week. Please manage your district like lives matter and the major items you need to major on will become clear.

I think this is a great idea! My kids were Lincoln Lions while Mr. Dunlap was principal. I was so impressed with how he embraced our community. Thanks for coming up with this wonderful way to honor his memory.

My son and his grandma went to this school. Please keep Lincoln as the name.

leave the name as it is!

Ron Dunlap was a great man. He was an excellent principal who balanced the needs of the students in his school as well as providing leadership to the teachers under his watch. I think it is a great idea to honor someone local, who made a difference in Appleton. I hope this happens!

To whom it may concern,
Your doublespeak and creating social strife in the name of Mr. Dunlap does not bring honor to his name. Your job is to teach history; not to rewrite it. You should at least be honest enough to admit that you are in fact trying to eliminate the name of the school. I know not your true intentions, but defacing the very institution that Mr. Dunlap devoted his career to is decadent. I did not know Mr. Dunlap but I do know good people inspire creation; not destruction. The easy path is to bend to social pressure and to celebrate the desecration of communal heritage. There is a better way, but it appears that hubris enshrouds that path. Godspeed.

I think it is a wonderful idea. Ron was a great man and deserves to be honored.

It has become mainstream now to change certain items in life and society solely based on the fact that someone or some group has become "offended" by it or believe that they are "being oppressed" in some way. Trying to pass this change off as simply a way that a group has decided to honor the former principal rather than being honest and saying that people want it changed because it has Lincoln's name on it is disgusting. This is driven solely by today's Cancel Culture and Hyper-sensitive groups that continue to try and tear into the threads of decent society to re-write history to meet their own perspectives and views. It is done in an attempt to brainwash future generations of American children into believing a false narrative. The board of education should be embarrassed to even consider this but unfortunately as our US Congress has shown us all, there is no need to focus on items that make sense or to tackle problems of a much more significant size, rather it is much easier to re-direct focus and keep the general public pre-occupied with other less important issues which a few misguided souls in the community are more focused on than it is to tackle the really hard problems and major issues that face all of us. Why would we even consider this, especially during a pandemic? Why would we spend the money to change something that doesn't need changing? Why are we not getting our children back in schools and putting those monies towards additional teaching needs such as personnel and classroom materials? Why has the Board of Education in this city not taken care of those items? The Board of Education has consistently damaged, disregarded, and otherwise hurt, almost irreparably, all of the hard working families in this city that have children that should be learning in class rather than "attending" what amounts to a complete joke of an on-line system. Where is the concern to fix that; where is the urgency? Why do you hold yourself higher than all of the other essential workers in this city and state that have worked every single day through this pandemic? The Board of Education has lost its way. Many of this city's teachers have lost their way. Sadly both groups are still focused on ridiculous crap like deciding to change the name of a school during a pandemic rather than getting back to work and helping grow young minds. Spending much needed money to change a school name that doesn't need to be changed instead of spending that money to pay teachers more or get much needed tools and staff for schools is just plain asinine and you should be embarrassed to have even

Hey, Ron was my neighbor and an incredible person throughout this city if anyone deserves this it's him. Plus Lincoln himself would love this.

This is a waste of time and resources. While I can appreciate that this former principal was a great man, it doesn't mean we need to rename a school after him. How about dedicating the gym name to him? This "wokeness" to rename everything has gotten ridiculous. You should be focusing your efforts on getting kids back in school full time like the CDC recommends. Quit wasting time stuff like this!

Please change it. Ron was an excellent man and an amazing principal when I was in school.

Many years ago our family lived in the Lincoln school neighborhood and our five children attended Lincoln. When we moved to a different school area, it, too, was a great school, but we certainly missed being at Lincoln. Years later I met Ronald Dunlap through a service organization and I was a little bit intimidated at first due to his height and extensive favorable reputation that he had. I quickly learned that he was a kind and gentle giant, an incredibly effective listener, a broad level thinker, and that he walked the talk regarding his mantra that we should be treating others as we wish to be treated and always to carry ourselves with respect and dignity. I was very saddened when Ron Dunlap passed away, thinking that while he had a permanent character building effect on the thousands of students he had interacted with over the years as well as so many adults, that this wonderful legacy had come to an end. That's why I became so excited when I heard about the proposal to rename Lincoln school in his honor. This creates the opportunity to perpetuate Ron's legacy for generations of students to come. I strongly support renaming Lincoln school as the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School - Home of the Lincoln Lions and I believe that our community and the upcoming students at this school will be better for it

Leave it alone. You can honor Mr. Dunlap in another way. Name the gym after him, have a statute implemented. Think about the history you remove years from now when someone fondly remembers going to Lincoln elementary and people say where? Think about the cost of changing all the signage, materials and plaques with Lincoln Elementary on it. Seriously-Leave it as Lincoln elementary school

I don't know much about Mr. Dunlap, but I would suggest you consider changing the name of Columbus instead of Lincoln. I believe there is already a community effort to change Columbus' name, and this could take care of two issues in one fell swoop.

Name change? Absolutely not. We know what this is really about and it needs to stop now.

Leave the name. When you build a new elementary school near the North High School name that school. If it's not a reason to rename the school why change. You can save money and use it for important functions needed with the district. Once you start it will only gain traction to change more. Be proud of our past and learn from past to create a better future. Stand up and have a backbone to cancel something you'll never change history.

This is absolutely the right thing to do. A great way to honor him.

I think renaming the school to honor Mr. Dunlap would be a wonderful thing. He touched the lives of so many with his words of kindness, compassion and equality. Over the summer I had a discussion with my former classmates from Lincoln, many of us parents now and the reflection of how he is still impacting children's lives through the lessons he taught us, those lessons now being passed down to our children who are and will be future students of Lincoln. Mr. Dunlap not only cared for us during our time at Lincoln but also through our entire lives. As a community member and as a mother of a soon to be Lincoln student I'd be so honored to have my son attend Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary ♥ Representation and naming the school in honor of someone that day in and day out made a direct influence on that very school, feels more important than ever right now ♥

Rob Dunlap was a good man. His contributions to Appleton are many. Lincoln was a good man whose impact in America is gospel. Ron's legacy should be honored, but not by renaming Lincoln School and eliminating the historical significance of our 16th President. Perhaps, as was done for others in the district, naming the media center, auditorium, playground, etc. could honor Ron and preserve the ongoing legacy of Lincoln.

I think this is an amazing way to honor a great man! As listed above he had a great presence in our community. I'm a former student of Lincoln I think this would make the school even greater to have the name of a great man.

Yes

I strongly support renaming Lincoln Elementary School, and naming it in honor of Ron Dunlap. Mr. Dunlap was a strong and important presence in the Appleton school system for many years, as well as in the larger community. I always thought he was larger than life in so many ways. He not only meets Board of Education 940 criteria for naming a school in recognition of a person, he embodied those criteria.

When I first heard about the community wanting to change the name of Lincoln Elementary, I was upset at first as this is my foundation school, the school where I made some of my strongest friendships, and the school where I started developing my independent social skills.

When I read the article further, I started to tear up. If the name of Lincoln Elementary were to be changed, naming the school in honor of Mr. Dunlap is the perfect way to honor the man who has had one of the biggest impacts on how I live my life to this day.

When I think back to my earliest educational years I can remember Mr. Dunlap over the intercom with the morning announcements, his closing line has stood out to me since the day I heard it, "Treat others the way you want to be treated". I have carried this with me all the way to my adult years.

When I played sports in middle school and high school this message helped me build my sportsmanship with my teammates and players on opposing teams.

When I first started building up my resume with various jobs I held in the community from food service to retail, this message reminded me treat complete strangers with respect just as I would like to be interacted with if I was in their shoes.

Even to this day while working as a CNA in various nursing homes all over Wisconsin, I remember this message and it reminds me to remain humble because one day I will be in the position that my residents are currently in. I treat them how I would like to be treated when I am in a nursing home setting. This helps me provide the best care I can give for all of my residents.

Mr. Dunlap was a man I have always looked up to, not just because of his height, but because of his character and his kind nature. Renaming Lincoln Elementary after former principle Ronald C. Dunlap would I only knew Ron for a short time before his passing, but everyone I've talked to has fond memories of him as he touched the lives of so many over the years. I'd be hard pressed to think of another member of our community who is so universally loved and respected, and as such I support honoring his legacy by renaming Lincoln Elementary.

Too many other great staff have also had a positive impact and we would never have enough schools to rename. Rename the gym, LMC, playground or a community room. Wasn't this school named in honor of President Lincoln?

I feel Mr. Dunlap was a shining example for all who came in contact with him. I could think of no better way to honor his many years of service than to rename Lincoln Elementary in his name.

He and I were 2 black professional men in the city. We would talk about how to make the city and the youth better. Race was a issue. He was a great person. Please rename the school in his honor.

Do not change its name from Lincoln Elementary. New and upcoming schools can be named after Ron Dunlap.

Ron Dunlap was a powerful promoter of education and success for students of diverse backgrounds.

Ron's involvement in education and our community over the years was like no other. He gave his time and energy in so many ways to make our home a better place to live and learn. He respected everyone he met -- all ages, all sizes, all colors. He was kind, genuine, and wise. He showed he cared by always "checking in" to find out how YOU were doing. He listened intently and helped. His demeanor was strong, but never intimidating. You could trust him because he was genuine and real. He didn't do it for the glory or prestige; he did it because he truly cared about people and this community. Treating people with respect and dignity came easy for Ron. I wish he was still around today to continue that effort to help those that have a hard time grasping diversity and kindness like they should.

Leave the name as it is. Honor Mr. Dunlap in another way.

I love the unity that Appleton shows by having its elementary schools named after the great presidents of our country. I would be sad to see that changed. It sounds like Mr. Dunlap was a wonderful man who made a difference, and I hope he is honored for that. However, I would not support the renaming of the school, as that brings disharmony to the elementary schools in the city.

I love the idea! Honoring Ron Dunlap is a fantastic way to show community members that good, hard working people are valued in Appleton. Additionally, it is a great way to honor his legacy of diversity and inclusion.

An absolute honor to such a great man. I was never a student at Lincoln, but I did grow up in the area. I remember as a kid going to play football or basketball at Lincoln with friends that went there. Even though I wasn't his student he always treated me as if I was. Such a stand up guy. Such an honor to his legacy.

Do it!!! So awesome!!!

I do not think for one that this is of concern right now considering there are much more pressing issues, like our kids being home for the last year!! And I also do not think a school should be renamed after a principle just bc he passed away. We don't rename every school just bc a staff member passed away. There is no reason to rename that school. But again, this really should not even be of concern considering the current situation. GET OUR KIDS BACK IN SCHOOL ALREADY!!!

Firstly, I find it interesting to be answering this on Lincoln's Birthday, or is that being canceled too? I fully support somehow honoring Mr. Dunlap for his contributions, but I do not support a continuation of the cancel culture that is pervading our environment. Perhaps a park or playground where children spend a considerable amount of time would be an option? As we consider what we are teaching our children, I'm reminded of the quote below:
"The philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation is the philosophy of government in the next."
— Abraham Lincoln

I think it's a wonderful way to honor such an important person from our community. I hope everyone feels the same! I'd love to see the name changed.

Mr. Dunlap was a larger than life leader as my principal in elementary school. He was one of the first people in life that made me want to teach. Mr. Dunlap's quiet leadership, humility, and wise words continue to impact my life and world, daily. Renaming my elementary school would be a beautiful way to honor his legacy.

Please KEEP the school's name - in this case, Lincoln and name something else in honor of him. Example enlarge playground and more parking and call it Ron Dunlap Community Playgroung just as you did w Heppel field

I fully support renaming the school to honor Mr. Dunlap!

Please do not make this change. I would really prefer honoring Mr. Dunlap in a different way such as naming a part of the school building after him, or a Memorial Garden on the property, or a large painting or sculpture honoring him, naming the School Library after him or something else...but please do not change the name of Lincoln School. I believe renaming would possibly set a precedent that we do not want to see. (I did know Ron Dunlap and am not opposed to honoring him in a special way but I am opposed to renaming the school). Thank-you for asking.

We should most definitely go ahead with the name change! I think honoring Mr. Dunlap would be a fantastic idea!

Ron was a giant physically, a giant in personality and most importantly a giant professionally. Ron's legacy should be revered and that legacy should be written in stone to make sure it is never forgotten. The choice of re-naming a school he directed could not be more appropriate. I applaud my district for honoring this man who is an incredible symbol for others to celebrate and an incredible human being for so many to emulate.

I think to honor Ron with the renaming of Lincoln Elementary School is the perfect way to honor an extraordinary man. His contributions were immeasurable and his impact will be felt forever.

I had never heard of him until today. I would rather see the Elementary School stay as Lincoln, a very important president and person in our nation's history. I think it would be very appropriate to rename the library or a gymnasium where he taught after him, but not to name an entire school when our community did not know who this person is. I feel the meaning is lost when our community does not have a tie to the school.

I have heard other member of our community talk about renaming Columbus Elementary and I feel like that would also be a much better option as he was definitely not as important to our nation as we once thought. I understand he taught at Lincoln, but if it's about naming a school, I feel Columbus has such a diverse student/familv population and would be a good fit.

What a wonderful way to honor and remember a man that has touched our community and District is so many ways. He definitely qualifies for such an honor. I emphatically agree with renaming Lincoln Elementary to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions.

I teach world history. You're renaming the wrong school. Columbus Elementary should be renamed. Our state has changed Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and this is the perfect opportunity to drop the name of a man who never stepped foot on what is now the US. If you'd like more information on why Columbus should not be part of this district, I'd be happy to share with you. Thanks!

This would be a wonderful tribute to Ron, whose contributions as an educator in our community and at this school are so significant.

This is a wonderful way to honor such a wonderful man! He thought me so much as a young child and has had a large impact on the person I am today! "Always treat others the way you wish to me treated"

No change is needed. Keep it Lincoln Elementary.

Ron meets the criteria for having a school named for him in every way. He was very helpful to me as I rewrote personnel policies and behavior guidelines to be more inclusive and understanding of differences. I fully support renaming Lincoln Elementary to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School - Home of the Lincoln Lions.

I love the idea and think its a wonderful way to honor such an important figure in our community

I could not think of a better human being on the planet to represent my former elementary school. As a minority student myself, he was one of the greatest role models a student could ever ask for. He would even attend my little league games. I hope this passes.

He was a wonderful principal but I don't think it is appropriate to rename a school for him. There have been many wonderful principals over the years that dedicated more years than he did to their schools and our community. These people were never considered for any additional recognition beyond naming a gym. Find another way to honor Ron, maybe naming the library for him but leave the name of the school alone.

Mr. Dunlap was and continues to be, the beacon of education in my life and the lives of countless students. Merely naming a building after him is not enough. However, for now, it will do.

Keep the name people will think its political

I would definitely would like to name "A School" the Ron Dunlap Elem. School! No matter how much we love Ron and all he did and he would probably agree! I don't think we should get rid of the current Lincoln name to the school. What we should do as name the next new school The Ronald C. Dunlap Elem. There are other schools in our district not so prominently named like the following: Badger, Horizon, Highlands, and even Columbus could/should have it's named changed. Historically speaking we have plenty of schools that should have their names reevaluated due to new evidence of racism, slave owning, and other facts of scandal attached to the current namesake. Ron was a visionary with an eye on the future of education for elementary kids. His name is only befitting of only the newest and state of the art facility a brand new school in the 21st century can provide! Leave Lincoln as named and build a new elementary school and name it Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School.

YES!! Fully support this name change!

No.

You cannot change history, you can only learn from it. Let the name of Lincoln Elementary stay as is. Save the money and put it toward the actual education expenses that teachers have taken upon themselves over many years. Give back to your staff.

Leave the name as Lincoln School

Names matter, and the names of the schools in our community do not reflect the diverse populations who live here and attend school here, and they should. I am in favor of the proposed name change do help move in this direction. Please consider renaming Columbus elementary ASAP considering how controversial he is as a namesake. I appreciate your efforts on this!

Keep the school as Lincoln Elementary. He was one of our best presidents.

I think it is a wonderful way to honor an important member of the AASD community. I am in full support of the name change.

Do not rename the school. Find another way to honor him with out changing the name of a school. You should be putting more emphasis on improving the performance of the school than renaming it.

Keep Lincoln as the name.

Don't do it. This isn't San Francisco and this cancel culture crap needs to stop. Concentrate your time on maters of importance, this isn't it.

I do not like the change. New name is too long and those outside the community wouldn't understand either. Lincoln fully falls in line with the other elementary schools in the district.

Fully support this name change and future ones

I think the renaming of schools changes the history for the the previous students. It is still a source of frustration when we talk about Roosevelt junior high, now Kalidescope, because the memories are now changed. I think the name should remain Lincoln and the board should find another way to honor Mr. Dunlap.

Fully support this and future name changes to other schools.

This is such a great way to honor him as well as keep the history of the school.

Let's worry about this after you finish figuring out how to get the kids in school, per CDC guidelines.

While Mr. Dunlap was a wonderful person who contributed immensely to Lincoln Elementary School and the City of Appleton alike, I think he would prefer to show "Dignity and Respect" to the school he spent so much time at by not changing the name. Another opportunity we may have to show "Dignity and Respect" to Mr. Dunlap is to name the gymnasium or library at the school after him.

I think this would be an excellent way to honor and remember Mr. Dunlap. He was an outstanding principal and person.

Keep it what is and save the money. Use the money to get all 5th & 6 graders back in school full time.

I think this is an amazing idea! It is the perfect way to honor such an incredible member of our community. The importance of this proposal mirrors the importance of Ronald to the city of Appleton and the thousands of students who will remember him forever.

This effort is a waste of time and taxpayers money when the focus needs to be on getting all students back in school full time. Honoring him is fine, but maybe reserve that for when the next school is built in the district.

While I believe Ronald Dunlap is certainly deserving of this honor, I am shocked that this is something that is currently being discussed at school board meeting or by the district. This isn't the priority right now. A record number of kids are failing and are suffering from mental health issues because of the structure, or lack of structure, during the 2020-2021 school year. This should be tabled until everyone is back in school full time, and frankly, even then, it should be postponed. I know my sons have fallen behind academically, as large majority of students have, and it is going to take a lot of time and effort on behalf of the the schools and community for them to recover from this "lost year." It's really a shame.

Love it -- great way to honor an exceptional leader.

I 100% think we should change the school name to honor mr. Dunlap, he was the most memorable principal I've had, and I was so young it's crazy how he's made an impact on my life

It would be a great thing to do!! He was a great man and an even better educator!

Why not pick another Elementary School, or is Lincoln the "Cancel Culture" flavor of the month.

Do not change it.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. I support keeping the name of the school Lincoln and find another way to honor Mr. Dunlap for his many contributions to education and our community. He should be recognized in some way, I don't disagree with that. There are many other ways to recognize him for what he's done for the students of Appleton schools. Why not wait and add his name to the list for the next new elementary or middle school in Appleton? What's the rush to switch it?

I think it is a fantastic idea. My son went to Lincoln for his 7 years of elementary school and the legacy of Ron Dunlap lives on in that school like you wouldn't believe. The Lincoln family is a very special one, and Ron really helped pave the way, with continued success under Bill McClone today. One thing that will never change - no matter what you call that school - "Once a Lion, Always a Lion". Ron was a pillar in our community and deserves this sort of recognition. ~ <3 ~

Why can't they keep the same Lincoln name and name something else after Ron Dunlap? Ronald C Dunlap seems kind of long and what about the cost of changing it and the identity of the school has always been Lincoln who was a great President. I would hate to see my elementary schools name changed quite frankly. My kids went to Lincoln. They don't know who Ron Dunlap is. Confusing. Name a park after him.

I think it is a disgrace and shows how much you are willing to be part of the current "cancel culture". It makes me worried that our children are being indoctrinated and that AASD is definitely part of trying to erase the history of this great country. No disrespect to Mr. Dunlap, but most people know who president Lincoln was while Dunlap is a name many or most don't even recognize. Please don't be part of erasing the history of our country.

I am not in favor of this.

Although I am still embarrassed to say and I will admit that I do not know who Ron Dunlap is/was, I do not believe renaming a school that was named after one of our greatest presidents is an appropriate way to honor either Ron Dunlap or Abraham Lincoln. Isn't the past president that you are considering taking his name off of the school one of those whose likeness is on the side of that mountain out in South Dakota? Aren't there only like 4 of them? What kind of controversy are you willing to take on by entertaining this whole endeavor? Are there no other options available for honoring Mr Dunlap?

I cannot believe this is even being considered.

Thank you though for soliciting the input of the community. I hope you consider this carefully.

Ronald C. Dunlap was the best principle. He always exemplified humility, kindness, and respect toward everyone. I am so proud I got to be a Lincoln Lion while he was principle. He had a peaceful presence, and a sincere heart. I will always remember his impact and example!

Please do NOT rename the school. There are other ways to honor Mr. Dunlap and his involvement in the community. Changing the name of a building is down right expensive - new signs, new letterhead, new graphic designs, new shirts and other "gear" items, etc. It is also confusing to the community - take AMC for example, unless you have direct involvement with AMC you probably don't remember its new name. The effects that President Lincoln had on our country and our country's people should not be overshadowed by those of a local community member. Instead, consider renaming the school library or gymnasium, or put in a school garden in his honor and use the produce for school snacks like some of the Hortonville district schools.

I think it is very poor timing, there must be another way to honor the man (one most people do not know) that would not stir up so much (anticipated) controversy. Please stay out of the current political turmoil, that will not honor the man nor help the already overburdened students!

No - I went to Lincoln Elementary School, Mr. Dunlap wasn't there when I attended along with the other alumni of the school. The name of the school should stay the way, and you should find another way to honor Mr. Dunlap!

This would be an awesome way to honor Mr Dunlap! As a parent of three children whom had him as principal I have to say this man is unforgettable. My children respected and loved him as a head educator.

Yes, Ronald was an amazing person and great leader and I am not really apposed to renaming Lincoln Elementary after him. I just feel then when Mr. McClone retires, they will need to also include his name somehow, since Mr. McClone is just as amazing and has made such a difference at Lincoln in my opinion as well.

I support this renaming. I met Ron at the Family First Ministries Out of the Box Breakfast for people in need. He volunteered there and was a humble and faithful servant.

I don't really believe that the reason for re-naming is to honor Ronald Dunlap and not to change just change it from Lincoln. Schools honor for staff and alumni by naming gymnasiums and sports fields after them, not by re-naming a school that is already named for one of our greatest presidents. I have no doubt that Ronald Dunlap was a great man and a great educator who deserves to be remembered. I also believe that if the "cancel culture" that has been sweeping our nation wasn't happening, then neither would this re-naming. If this goes through then it will only be a matter of time until the name "Lincoln Lions" will become just "Lions". People are looking at our countries greatest leaders through a 21st century lens and you can't look at history that way. People see one aspect of a person that isn't acceptable and want to remove anything honoring them. It is sad and if it continues it will only create further divides in our nation. Thank for your time and I hope you make the right decision.

As a previous student of Mr. Dunlap's it would be such a wonderful thing for our community to honor him by renaming the school. I grew up three blocks away and will never forget the kindness or the tough lessons that he taught me.

I think this is a fantastic idea and incredible way to honor a man who meant a great deal to this community. He was a huge influence on my life and the lives and many people throughout his life. As an alumnus of Lincoln, I can think of no better way to honor him.

I wholeheartedly support this initiative!

I was at Lincoln for Mr. Dunlap's first year. He made a difference that day and every day after. Great way to honor him.

It is absolutely ridiculous that this is being considered currently. With children failing at an increased rate, families leaving the district and not to mention the money it will take for new signs and such. AASD has bigger things to worry about. Kids need to be in school full time. Worry about that first and foremost.

I went to Lincoln for 7 years, kindergarten through 6th grade. I never knew Mr. Dunlop, but I heard people talk about him often. As a Lincoln Lion I can say I would be totally fine if the name of the school was changed as long as they never take away the saying "once a lion, always a lion".

The renaming of Lincoln Elementary to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions is a brilliant idea. He was a very honorable man and an inspiration. It makes great sense to name our schools after a local person that positively influenced our community in SO many ways.

I strongly support the renaming of Lincoln Elementary to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School - Home of the Lincoln Lions! The proposal honors a person who made a significant positive impact on the Appleton Schools and wider community while retaining the history of the Lincoln name.

I think it's a great idea.

Please don't change the name from our President who ended slavery. Ron sounds like a wonderful man with a lot of accomplishments but I don't agree with renaming/changing the name of Lincoln School.

Yes!!!! What an amazing tribute to an amazing man. A hundred times, yes!

What a great idea to rename Lincoln School in honor of Ron Dunlap. My son attended Lincoln from Kindergarten thru 6 th grade. My son was one of a few black children in the school and in Appleton. Mr Dunlap was such a wonderful role model. He obviously made a huge impact on not only the students, but the staff.

I hope this idea comes to fruition.

Mr. Dunlap was my Principal for Kindergarten and First grade, and assisted my family in getting me the educational support I needed when we discovered I had a hearing loss. Years later, I saw him at a store in Appleton, and he remembered my name and said hello to me. He was such a strong and supportive force for my family and I as we went through difficult times, and made an incredible impact. I agree that Lincoln Elementary School should be renamed to honor Ronald Dunlap's legacy. Thank you for recognizing his amazing impact.

When we first moved to Appleton 15 years ago. Ron was one of the first administrator we had the privilege to meet. He helped us with our five year old son get started in the Appleton school system. He continued to provide us support through our son's years of education in Appleton. He became a trusted friend and was such a well respected member of the community. I give my full support in changing the Elementary school from Lincoln to Ronald C. Dunlap in his honor. He has dedicated his life to teaching and helping our children be the best that they could be.

Ron Dunlap was a wonderful educator and helped many young teachers starting out on their chosen careers. He was a wonderful mentor for many people in the community and shared his talents, experiences and knowledge with many.

Not necessary. Honor him with the work you do or scholarships for kids not with his name on the building

As a taxpayer to the Appleton school district I feel there is no reason to be changing the name of this school. Our tax dollars can be put to better use than a name change on a school.

I think this is a great way to honor all that Ron did for the school community.

I think it should remain Lincoln because Lincoln was one of the greatest leaders in the history of this country. He was self-educated and wise and able to accomplish much in his life. His would be a great life for the school students to emulate.

I would like AASD to focus on getting our kids back to school 5 days a week! Why on earth are you spending time and money on something that doesn't matter! I can't believe that you think this is important at this time!

Sounds like a good idea to me - he was a very good person and it makes sense to honor him.

My father was a principal and has a gymnasium named for him. Given all the hours he spent there watching basketball games, that was very fitting! Dad always thought highly of Mr. Dunlap, and I think this tribute would be most fitting as well.

It's a great idea. Ignore the veiled racism of Trump supporters who continue to carry Trump's name on their vehicles and brandish his vile name on their yard posts. Seriously consider giving post mortem accolades to a principal who loved kids and worked for equality in educational opportunities for all kids no matter what their skin color is or how bigoted their parents are who promote the vulgarity of Trump's hatred toward diversity and equality for all kids. The district has its share of these right wing nut jobs but by acknowledging great leaders no matter what race they are, the board demonstrates its resolve in recognizing educators who have dedicated their lives to insure that all children and teachers are always given the highest priority

I have lived in this community for 45 years and have never heard of Mr. Dunlap. He may have been a dedicated teacher, but who do you really believe really will be remembered in a half century from now? Furthermore, who truly deserves to be remembered - Mr. Dunlap or President Lincoln? In my mind there is absolutely no contest.

He was a great man, worthy of this recognition!

Ronald Dunlop was a wonderful principal/educator. He was able to engage with his students and parents on such personal level. What a wonderful way to honor a man who gave his all to AASD.

Ron Dunlap was just an amazing educator, father, grandfather, advocate, leader and all around gracious gentleman- I can't say enough good things about him and it will be the same things others are probably saying. He was a fixture at Lincoln Elementary. He was known throughout the community as a example of excellence. I personally think it would be a wonderful way to celebrate his legacy. I would defer to Yvette as far as if it would be something he would have wanted. I wouldn't be surprised if she told us he would rather not have the name changed. If not re-naming the school, I am certain we as a community can find a way to honor a great person who had such a positive effect on so many lives.

I truly admired Mr Dunlap and the work he did for our community. I think we should honor him in some way. I personally would like to see Lincoln Elementary remain Lincoln Elementary. Perhaps a park, field or another public building. AASD offices or Morgan school?

This is a wonderful and appropriate tribute to honor the impact of Ron's life on the Fox Cities!

This is a great idea and may make some things better for the reputation of the school.

My children and I were privileged to have Mr. Dunlap as our principal al Lincoln School. We also often interacted with him in our community, which he became a part of. We strongly support adding his name to Lincoln school because he was a leader and great role model for so many.

He earned it. He was an amazing human being. It would be a very classy move to rename the school in his honor. A great show of respect.

I am 100% in support of renaming the school and honoring Ron Dunlap's legacy in our community.

In favor of naming the school Ronald C Donlap

Both of my children have earned the Ronald Dunlap award and it was a very high honor. He was a great man and deserves to be honored. In addition, both my children are African American and I feel it is important for all children and especially African Americans to see a positive African American figure and especially a male African American honored in the educational system!

I very much like the idea of honoring someone who made a difference in the community

Please keep school name Lincoln Elementary

I support the name change

Don't dishonor Lincoln by renaming the school. Honor Mr Dunlap by putting a statue in front of the school with a placque of his history if anything at the entrance to the school/door.

100% Support. Ronald Dunlap helped influenced the man I've become today. His legacy must live on through his beloved school and community!

I would ask the board to carefully consider the cost of this change to the taxpayer. Our nation is struggling and though Ron appears to have been an amazing person and likely due this honor, perhaps it should be postponed. I feel government spending should focus on building up the economy, our community and helping folks in need during this trying time.

This would be a very worthy name change! Let's honor this man for his lifetime of work.

Mr. Dunlap was the soul of Lincoln Elementary school. He had a heart so big so all of us students. In 6th grade I had lost my cat. He pulled me down to his office to make sure I was ok. He was always going above and beyond! It would be a great honor

It is an unnecessary expense. It will confuse the young children and is a long name for a school. Finally, why change it for one person when so many people have touched the lives of children and ourselves and never got a school named after them? I had many great teachers in AASD and so did my son and not one them is recognized for their efforts. If you can't do it for all, don't do it for some. It is not right.

I am not in favor of renaming this school. Lincoln Elementary has the name of a great historical figure who fought against slavery. Lincoln's bravery to stand against slavery may have been the catalyst toward minorities having the same opportunities as anyone else who is willing to work hard and get an education. While I am not opposed to honoring Mr Dunlap, it should not be in place of the Lincoln name. How about naming the library after him? Name an athletic field or the gymnasium after him. Just please do not remove Lincoln from the name of this school.

I attended Lincoln in 5th and 6th grade. Mr. Dunlap always made sure we students felt comfortable coming to him for anything we needed. He was the first to introduce me to Walt Whitman.

I lived really close to the school with a very small yard so my friends and I spent most of every weekend at the school playing football and just hanging out there. I have such fond memories of Mr. Dunlap and that school.

As someone who had a sort of tumultuous upbringing and home life, who switched schools often (every two years), my memories at Lincoln are when I was happiest and felt safest at school. The atmosphere and general welcome that all students got was something I've never seen anywhere else. I think his presence and influence amongst staff at the school had a lot to do with that.

It brings so much joy to learn of plans to rename the school in order to honor his legacy. I truly hope this

I think the name change is an excellent way to honor Mr Dunlap.

There have been MANY awesome educators and administrators who have a large legacy just like Mr. Dunlap and none of them have a school named after them. Putting a plaque up at Lincoln Elementary would be amazing but NOT rename a school. Are we going to rename all the schools in Appleton after a top educator? No probably not. If Mr. Dunlap was not black this would have never come to light and we all know this. Seriously, Appleton administrationsupport your teachers as they deal with all the kids that are struggling, not renaming a school.

Please do not rename it- it should remain Lincoln Elementary. Renaming a building in the district sets a precedent for the future which will become unmanageable. After each adored leader, will a building name change? Students will look back at memories of a school that no longer remains in their mind. I am all for honoring him with a monument or statue outside the building, or naming the gym, LMC or auditorium after him- but renaming the entire building seems too extreme.

Understanding that Mr. Dunlop would provide some diversity I would be reluctant to compare him to Abraham Lincoln. I would hope that you choose to retain the name Lincoln for ever.

When we first moved to Appleton, we were shocked to hear so much prejudice against Hmong people. One bright light of hope was the work Ron Dunlap was doing to make every child and family at Lincoln—including Hmong folks—feel welcome and included. I remember the stories about how this very tall, gentle African American man made everyone feel proud to be part of the Lincoln community.

Please don't

I think this is great idea and an honor for the late great Ronald C. Dunlap. I definitely support the name change.

I taught at Lincoln Elementary and Ron Dunlap was principal. I wholeheartedly agree with renaming Lincoln Elementary as Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary. Ron earned the respect of students, staff, and parents through his dedication to hard work. He strove to improve the character of the students by developing personal connections with them. Ron worked hard to be a good example to all around him and his community. I called him the gentle giant. Ron would be so honored, and deserving of that honor, to have an elementary school named after him.

Mr. Dunlap was not a teacher of mine, but one I wish I had. Many people who I know that were students of his, speak ever so fondly of him and the lessons he taught. Renaming this school would be the greatest way to honor him and spread his legacy.

It's a great idea to honor Ron Dunlap in this way

Mr. Dunlap committed his life to the students.

After reading about Ron, I can understand wanting to give him recognition. Renaming the school is not the best way to do it. We can name a room after him or have a day celebrating him in the AASD system. While the Lincoln name is not being eliminated, changing the name of the school diminishes the importance of the contributions that Lincoln made to the way our country is today.

It's a perfect change. From the name of the President who was instrumental in emancipating African Americans to the name of an African American who was so instrumental in our schools and community. It's time.

Ron was a pillar of our community. He was a gentle giant. Everyone I knew loved him. And for good reason. He made sure to let every person know their value; they're worth his time. Changing the name of the school where he was a principal is the right way to honor his legacy. Please do this.

Do it. Do it.

This is an outstanding idea and excellent way to honor Mr. Dunlap. I fully support the renaming.

I 100% support the honoring of such a great community leader and role model in our community by renaming a school for that honor. However, for someone who played a role in diversity, it doesn't quite sit right with my husband and I that we would rename Lincoln vs Columbus or Jefferson. They both had slaves and by definition of "exemplary moral character" I'm left wondering why we would honor Columbus or Jefferson when Lincoln freed the slaves. Wouldn't it be more of an honor to Dunlap to rename one of those schools with his name?

I think this is a great move! Ron Dunlap did so much for our community and this is an excellent way to honor him.

I am in favor of renaming Lincoln Elementary to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School. It would be an appropriate recognition of an outstanding principal and community advocate.

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My parents are on the side of keeping the Lincoln name as well as their neighbors who's kids attended with me and many folks I know older than I am. If they only realized the impact he actually had on us subconsciously at the time I know they would have a change of mind. I haven't spent 17 years of my life dedicated to anything much less the growth of impressionable kids

Typing this all out and comparing myself to the kindness and compassion Mr Dunlap had for us youngsters makes me feel like a shitty person. Not that I am a bad person by any means, but I hold no candle to the I'm sharing again. reconsider if you're against it. cancel culture is stupid, but remembering a genuine person who cared about the youth of the future so much to not look for a pay increase is something commerable.

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Keep the school with the name Lincoln. Place a statue of Mr Dunlap on school property inside building or a bust of him!! This would be more appropriate. It would not look good for previous principles that had passed away in the past with same credentials or in the near future.

I support the name change. Please consider changing Columbus Elementary name as well. I do not feel the name Columbus is one of representation and advocacy for people of color like myself.

I grew up in that area of Lincoln school and my brother went to school there. I'm retired now and I enjoy going in that area reminiscing of my childhood. I can't look at the house I grew up in because they tore it down for Appleton West school. It's sad when I take my grandchildren and say this is where I used to live and explain to them what happened to the house. Now you want to change the name of the school? Please keep the name Lincoln or I will not have a memory lane even for my future generation

I had the privilege to work with Mr. Dunlap for a short period of time while I was a school district employee. I am an alternative education teacher, which serves a disproportionate number of minority students (in every district, not just Appleton). Mr. Dunlap was an incredible educator, making his life work advocating and encouraging both students of color and those of us who work with them. He made all students feel seen, valued, and important. I can think of no better honor than to rename his beloved Lincoln Elementary after Mr. Dunlap.

Mr Dunlap was simply put, the best human ever. He always made time for you, always had a smile, and practiced what he preached every day. My mom was PTA president for several years, so we spent many hours there after school doing work with her. I got countless life lesson talks during these late nights and they are done of my most cherished memories of him. This would be amazing to see the school dedicated to him.

No

You absolutely should change the name. Dunlap was a great person, larger than life (literally and figuratively) and he deserves this recognition. Generations of Appleton children deserve to learn about his legacy.

Name it: Lincoln Elementary School on the Ronald c. Dunlap Campus.
or put his name on the West auditorium. You will say, "He never taught at West".
Mr. Ziemann never taught at North and the auditorium has his name.
You messed up the Roosevelt situation. The slope is getting more slippery.

The renaming of Lincoln School to Ronald C Dunlop Elementary School is such a well-deserved beautiful idea. Ron was an inspiration to not only our school district but our also our community and state. His positive leadership is to be commended and serves as a positive example for all of us. Honoring his name in this way will keep his legacy alive and everything he stood for can be shared with the generations to come. We can all be proud of what one man brought to our community. Thank you to the Appleton Area School Board for considering this and making it happen.

Please keep the current name. You can honor Dunlap by naming the football field or the auditorium by his name.

Change the name of the school, that would be so cool for it to be named after him

Just keep the original Lincoln name. We don't always have to rename everything. There are other ways to honor this person.

Mr Dunlap more than deserves the school name reflect his honor, hardwork, dedication, and generosity.

I would like to know what impact this will have on taxpayer dollars? Renaming/rebranding a school does not come without any financial impact. Is it necessary to go as far as renaming a school? Couldn't there be something just as meaningful such as a statue, a gymnasium or something of that sort? Renaming an existing school seems a bit extreme and like a political statement with the times we are currently living.

Both my children went to Lincoln Elementary. We found Mr. Dunlap to be a fair & caring administrator. He treated every child with the upmost of respect, & never talked down to his students. It would be a a great honor to the community to rename Lincoln Elementary for a man who gave so much to his school, as well as to his community.

This is an amazing idea! I support this one hundred percent! I went to elementary school at Lincoln and Mr Dunlap was my principal during that time and I still remember him all these years later. He was a great man.

This is a total waste of time right now. There is nothing wrong with the current name and it should remain as is. The priority should be getting all students back in school full time! Mr Dunlap sounds like a well respected man, name the schools' gym after him instead of wasting time and resources on something less important than our children's mental health, failing grades and isolation.

Ron was the most amazing principal and leader . He was exactly what the community needed . He helped shape the minds of all those around him , and encouraged everyone to be better versions of themselves . He was truly one of life's gems, it would be an honor to rename the school after him. His legacy should live on.

I think renaming Lincoln School to the Ronald C Dunlap Elementary School would be a very fitting honor to his legacy. I worked at Lincoln School and had the pleasure and honor to be working with him. Ron always was a strong supporter of children and that was very evident at Lincoln. He daily encouraged and praised children he came in contact with. This name change would be a wonderful way to honor him and his legacy.

My husband and I discussed this idea this AM. The idea of renaming this Appleton school to honor the memory of an individual who impacted our educational community, educators, students, families as well as others in our community is an idea that really makes sense and has our support. We ourselves grew up in a community where a name change to the middle school occurred to honor a local educator, principal and community leader who impacted our school and community in a significant way, and it is a source of pride for our home community 35 plus years later . The idea of naming our schools in honor of local people who have made an impact on our educational and local community now and perhaps moving forward, establishes pride and commitment, pondering what the person embodied and stood for, perhaps ends of being "mission statement " of sorts in novel way... that end up guiding our ongoing AASchool development now and in future. 6 votes yes from my husband and I and our 4 children.

Absolutly NO. I never thought Cancel Culture would ever invade Appleton. This is DISGUSTING. Nothing against Mr. Dunlop.

Keep it as is

Please KEEP the original name!!!!

Mr. Dunlap was big on education and he loved kids and loved seeing them succeed

This is no-brainer to honor the contributions made by and in memory of Ronald Dunlap.

I think this is an excellent way to honor Ron and the impact he had on the community, and his lasting continued impact.

Mr. Dunlap set a moral example for fairness and diversity. I attended Lincoln Elementary from. I remember his voice on the announcements every morning and us students always looked up to him.. (literally) lol. I recall being in class with Hmong students (who had just moved to the U.S) who could not speak English yet. Mr. Dunlap I feel helped develop the ESL programs which helped students achieve dreams. An extraordinary man. I definitely support the Name-Change.

Please don't do this. Perhaps name the school's library or gymnasium after him. He was a wonderful man but that's not a reason to destroy the history of the school.

At a time when your school system is failing the vast majority of students along with children committing suicide at unprecedented rates due to your unnecessary extended school closures I would expect all of your time be spent fixing this situation. It is absolutely unnecessary at this time and adds to the mounting concerns of our community that AASD cannot and will not help its students.

I prefer the name stay as it is, there has to be another way to honor Dunlap than just renaming the building.

This is the best decision AASD could make. So thankful for Mr. Dunlap and Lincoln Elementary School

It is the great tribute to a man who made a difference in many students lives.. It was an honor to work with him. As an educator I also learned many things from him and will always remember " Treat people the way you wish to be treated and always conduct yourself with respect and dignity" I certainly support this move . Thank you for doing this looking forward to it happening

I attended Lincoln Elementary school many years ago. I would like it to stay Lincoln.

Ron Dunlap was an awesome principal & deserves to have the school named after him. He was such a good leader & the kids loved him. Most school principals are never seen or heard from after you are done at that school. But Mr Dunlap attended elementary student's high school graduations & attended their grad parties.

Beautiful idea. Years ago Ron mentored me around diversity and inclusion. I work for another School District, a community not as diverse as Appleton. Ron saw my passion and opportunities to help me grow. The work he had been a part of influenced so many children, families and educators. Renaming Lincoln would bring about sense of community that is focused on equity and inclusion. It would be a culturally responsive decision!

While there is no argument that Ron was indeed a man of high moral character and an outstanding member of the entire Appleton community, my husband and I both feel that this is setting a dangerous precedent by renaming the school. Appleton has been fortunate to have a number of principals who in our opinion are equally deserving of having a school named after them. We feel that there can be another way to honor Ron's contributions without changing the name of the school. Perhaps a scholarship promoting inclusion and diversity in his name through the AEA or Community Foundation? The name of our great forefather Abraham Lincoln, who did so much for our entire country and the emancipation of the slaves, we feel takes precedent. The cancel culture is seeking to destroy all of American history and this is one more step in doing so. This is how this move feels to us. Will Jefferson school be the next one to be renamed?

I am strongly against this idea. I understand wanting to honor someone, but this shouldn't come at the expense of honoring one of the greatest presidents our country has ever had. In a time when our country is hurting, I would hope the AASD would be more aware of how this type of action will add to the divisiveness we are facing. I expect better of the AASD!!!

I'm 100% in support of this change. Thank you for taking the initiative to honor community members who deserve it.

I had the privilege of working with him while my kids attended Lincoln. I feel he is deserving to have something named after him. My preference would be to name the gym , multipurpose room, something else instead, or if there will be new schools built, name a new school after him. If changing name is a must. I'd prefer Lincoln-Dunlap Elementary School.
I hope he can be honored without changing the history of the school.

Leave the school name alone. I am a former student there and so was my dad. Down the road when you build a new school you can name it after him.

Mr. Dunlap was a personal hero to me growing up. I'm 36yrs old and he is the ONLY educator I can remember by name. He truly made a difference in my life and as far as I'm concerned there is no greater way to honor him! Thank you.

He has changed so many lives and treated everyone with dignity and respect. I still use to this day lessons he taught me throughout my life and I am 35 years of age.

This great man deserves the honor

Mr Dunlap impacted every student in Appleton in a positive way. I truly believe his dedication to the AASD should forever be remembered by honoring him in the renaming of Lincoln. He was a outstanding human.

Lincoln was cool, but his legacy is already cemented on every penny, 5 dollar bill, and thousands and thousands of buildings, memorials, and other schools. There is currently only one building considering honoring Ron Dunlap's legacy, and he deserves that and so much more. For context, I was there when Mr. Dunlap first started, and couldn't encourage this decision enough. If Lincoln had a vote, he'd say change it too.

Mr. Dunlap was my principal at Lincoln Elementary School for kindergarten through sixth grade. Over these 7 years, he started every day with the phrase "Always remember to treat everyone as you wish to be treated and carry yourself with respect and dignity." Though these words might not have meant much to a young kindergartner, his reminder everyday for seven years made a difference in the school community and I still hear his words today. I feel beyond lucky to have had a principal like Mr. Dunlap, a role model and advocate to make his students and their community better. I can't think of a better way than to honor Mr. Dunlap's legacy than to renaming Lincoln Elementary School to include his name. I fully support the new name of Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School – Home of the Lincoln Lions.

My two daughters attended Lincoln from kindergarten through sixth grade. Mr Dunlap was their principal during those years. They recognized early on that respect for each other was most important and Mr Dunlap created a culture of fairness and caring. Our family was involved in many aspects of Lincoln life which allowed us to get to know Mr Dunlap on a personal as well as professional level. A principal sets the tone for learning and community in any school. Ron Dunlap made Lincoln a place where both were evident. Naming Lincoln for Mr Dunlap would honor him and all those he influenced over the years.

It's the right thing to do, especially given the positive impact Mr. Dunlap had in Appleton!

I never had the honor of being one of Mr. Dunlap's students but his kindness and ability to teach were community legend when I was a child at highlands elementary. He deserves community recognition for the impact he had on so many futures of it.

This issue should not even be on the agenda for the school board. There are far more pressing issues that need to be dealt with.

Ron sounds like a great person and probably should have a school named after him. Why don't you wait until a new school is built in the AASD instead of wasting time and money on renaming Lincoln Elementary?

Now that that is taken care of...

How about the AASD school board focusses on getting all the kids back into the classroom full time? It is pathetic that our children are suffering because of the ineptness of the school board. This needs to be the focus of the school board not the renaming of a school

Ronald Dunlap was a great human being and a great educator. My father went to the old Lincoln. I went to Lincoln. My children went to Lincoln. I might've argued to keep the name, for the sake of tradition, and name the next school after Ron, but all the racist backlash I'm seeing on social media makes it clear that we all very much need reminders to honor history - the history that is ongoing and being made by leaders like Ron Dunlap. That man poured out his soul for years on behalf of this community, that school and most of all for his students. Nothing can erase Abraham Lincoln, but we have new heroes who also deserve honor. Ron was a hero to many in this community and it's hard to overestimate his impact. The community and the students of today and many tomorrows would be well-served by making this change. Thank you.

I appreciate the value and impact of Mr. Dunlap's legacy, but it should be honored without erasing President Lincoln's name and its powerful anti-racist symbolism from one of our area schools. I hope you consider maintaining the name of Lincoln Elementary.

I worked with Ron for approximately 10 years. Ron was directly involved in the hiring as well as promotions within the Department. At all times Ron showed leadership and exemplary moral character. While he would always look at the necessary skills to be a good hire, he would make sure all hires were great people that would serve the residents of Appleton at the highest ethical and moral standard. He practiced what he preached and did what he could for our community to build a strong department with good solid citizens at all times.

I would implore the Board of Education of the AASD to rename Lincoln Elementary to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School - Home of the Lincoln Lions.

As a new community member, but after 30 years in education, I heartily support this move. Not just because it is racially a good move, but because we desperately need teachers of color in our world. As a white person, I want children of color to see that educators of this caliber are role models for us all. Please honor him. It is a great move for Appleton in the area of diversity....one of the city's goals anyway.

I would like them to know that this should be an easy decision. Ron Dunlap created a culture at Lincoln - an excellent one at that. His hard work and dedication was a blueprint for character, community and respect. He transformed Lincoln into what it is today and Bill McClone has continued that culture. Once a Lion, always a Lion.

When I first heard that it was being considered to change the name of Lincoln Elementary School to Ronald Dunlap Elementary School, my first reaction was "no." My kids went to Lincoln, and it just didn't seem right to change the name of that school that they loved and still talk about. But after a bit it seemed like a nice idea to honor someone who has made a difference in our community.

Then something struck me. Even though my daughters didn't go to Highlands Elementary School, all we heard about all over town for years was about Tom O'Hearn, the principal who had such a wonderful impact on teachers as well as students. And because there were a lot of kids with special needs at Highlands, Tom O'Hearn had so many challenging things to deal with. He was known all over the area for how he handled everything and particularly how loving and kind he was to the kids, their parents and everyone who worked at Highlands.

So here's my thought: Of course it would be good to rename Lincoln School in honor of Ron Dunlap who is no longer in this world. But please consider honoring Tom O'Hearn while he is still alive by renaming Highlands School in his name. Both Ron Dunlap and Tom O'Hearn have had profound impacts on our community, and their dedication still lives on with the kids, their families and those who were lucky enough to be working with these two people.

I so hope you seriously consider this. Thank you.

Not in favor of it, but name the auditorium or library, IT department or something like that after him. He was an awesome principal and man. He deserved a lot of respect for all that he did. But don't take away years of a name of a school named after a president that deserves respect also. If it wasn't for President Lincoln we may not have had Principal Dunlap!

I attended Lincoln during Mr. Dunlap's tenure. He had a profound impact on me and on AASD as a district. I think that renaming the school after him needs to happen.

I support the name change!

Honor Mr Dunlap and rename the school!!! He was such an important part of my childhood and the community!

Were other options for naming a place after Mr. Dunlap considered? We have had other great principals in the AASD schools throughout the years. If he is being honored as well for his community involvement, is there some place in the City or room in the City Center that could be named for him instead of Lincoln School?

I'm in favor of keeping the school name as is and honoring Ron Dunlap with naming some else after him such as the school library or the sports field

It will look better

No do not change it. There are other ways to honor Mr. Dunlap. This feels political to me with all that is going on in our country with buildings being renamed in our state and in Washington and statues being torn down. I wish the administration and board was as enthusiastic about getting our kids in school 5 full days for their mental well being as they are about this. Issue. Doesn't seem that their priorities are in the right place.

I strongly object to renaming Lincoln Elementary for the following reasons:

- 1) The AASD is showing no consideration of Lincoln's national and international importance to what Lincoln stood for, i.e., the rights of all people under our Constitution and the power of those rights in how they benefit a nation.
- 2) Removing Lincoln's name in our current political environment and where there has been an effort to remove the Lincoln Memorial in DC should tell the AASD Board don't do this, especially at this time. Do it and you will see a backlash in my opinion.
- 3) What is the AASD policy when it comes to renaming a school? Naming a new school or facility is one thing but removing the name and replacing it with another says there needs to be a "renaming policy" not just a "naming policy." If there isn't a renaming policy, why isn't there one? There should be one one because you already took down the name of Roosevelt in you renamed the Roosevelt School.
- 4) Many residents in the AASD will read this renaming of Lincoln as another effort to black list ALL Republicans as morally evil people who must have NO public recognition for any good they may have done in our nations history.

Please do not change the name of any of our AADSD schools. There are many ways to honor Mr. Dunlap and changing the name of one of our schools in my opinion is inappropriate. Once you open the door to changing school names, you will have requests for all school names to be changed in the near future. Please honor Mr. Dunlap in another form such as the naming of a gym, field, auditorium, statue, etc. and not change the entire name of the school.

Purging a Great American Icon to fit their political ideology pure and simple. If this was 10 years before I might agree with their reasoning, but because of last summer (2020) I'm not buying it. I think it is a bad idea and once again, let's erase history just like the USSR and Nazi Germany did last century to fir their agenda. The Communists in Wisconsin are alive and well.

I think the school should keep the name Lincoln Elementary. Lincoln did a lot of great things and it's an honor to use his name.

I vote no.

I'm am opposed to the change. Lincoln has had a greater positive impact on life in America than Dunlap.

Ron Dunlap was a person who truly shifted the landscape for AASD and the Appleton area communities with his kind and persistent focus on inclusion and equity. He personifies who we strive to be as a community. While Lincoln was certainly a force in our history, as we evolve and bring more focus to home, being open to changing the name of this school in recognition of someone who called us to look inward seems appropriate. No question in my mind that this school should be renamed in honor of not only Mr Dunlap, but our heightened community awareness because of him.

This is a WASTE of time to be working on renaming a school when our kids get 10 hrs per week in person learning (that includes transition times!). It's a disgrace to the history our school was established on to eliminate Lincoln; especially during such a time where history is being wiped out for our children. Shame on AASD! This is a disgrace to our children to focus so much efforts on this and not getting them learning again.

Mr Dunlap was an inspiration for all of the students at Lincoln, many of whom came from lower economic backgrounds, who benefited greatly from his example and leadership. He always put the students first, and held teachers accountable, as much as possible.

I sent an email in support of the name change.

Yes for the change! There are plenty of other things named after previous presidents. Ron had a tremendous amount of respect from and impact on the community.

Yes please name the school for him! He deserves this legacy and Appleton needs to honor him

Ron was a great man, however, this seems very costly when you think of everything that would need to be updated. Consider naming the library or gymnasium after him with a nice plaque and picture. If you start this, it could start a spiral to renaming other schools. Spend the money on students and student programs. I doubt Ron would want money wasted on renaming the school vs. helping the children. In some way.

I fully support renaming Lincoln Elementary to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School. I fondly recall my time at Lincoln Elementary School when Mr. Dunlap was a principle, and even after all these years when I hear his name it gives me a sense of pride to think that I had him as a principle as a kid. Even after he was no longer the elementary school principle, I remember seeing him showing his support at concerts. To me, that showed me just how much he genuinely cared about the community and the people in it. For these reasons and much more, I would be overjoyed to see my former elementary school renamed in his honor.

"any time you can honor a local person like this it makes a lot of sense to make a change from a generic historic figure to one of local pride."

I support this. What a wonderful way to honor a dedicated man.

Honoring a Black educator that had such an impact on the lives of students local to this area would be a wonderful gesture and be an inspirations to current Black students and show that AASD is sensitive to the representation of POC at all levels of education, including the names of schools.

Seems like an attempt to "cancel" history and one of America's greatest presidents by doing this. Ronald Dunlap can be honored in a plethora of other ways. Changing the name of the school in attempt to rewrite or delete history is repulsive. Let me guess, the board is working on ways to rewrite or cancel American history taught to our students at the same time? And I want to know why this is so important to do right now? Students are not completely back in person full time without restrictions...they and teachers have a lot of catching up educationally to do but changing the name and history of the school is an urgent matter?! Really? Wow! Despicable. As a tax payer I refuse to pay for this and I do NOT agree with it.

Mr. Dunlap was my elementary school principal. WAY back in the day. He definitely made an impact on me and the way I view principals, and their roles in the life of children. He set a very high standard, and I feel he much deserves this!

My main concern is the cost of changing school names, both in finances and effort. We have three school age children in the AASD, and we believe the tax revenue and any private donations to the cause could be better spent. We appreciate Ron Dunlap's legacy and expect that he too would have preferred further investment in helping all students be successful rather than being wasted on an unnecessary name change. Thank you for inviting our community to provide feedback.

There will be high costs to change everything that bears the Lincoln name. Those funds would better serve Ron Dunlap's education legacy if they were put towards the foundation that bears his name. To support education and equity for all is what he was all about, and the foundation would directly help students...his heart's desire.

I do not support this name change.

Lincoln Elementary School should remain Lincoln Elementary School.

Mr Ronald Dunlap could be honored with a corner memorial stone, the gym named after him, various other memorial ideas.

While Mr Dunlap was deserving of recognition, to take the memories of so many people that attended Lincoln School, feels wrong.

As a teacher & parent to children in the Appleton Area School District, I support the name change of Lincoln Elementary. Mr. Dunlap was an impeccable man of character and should be honored for all that he did for the children & families of the Appleton area.

This is not the time to focus on something like this. Time, efforts, money should all be directed toward getting children back in school and caught up from the disastrous circumstances of the past year. Unbelievable that this even has to be said.

Priorities are greatly messed up if AASD thinks this is an acceptable focus at a time when students have been put at tremendous risk academically, socially, and emotionally by the decisions of the board. Education and student success have to be the highest priority, and sadly these have been severely compromised through poor leadership over the past year.

I think it is a wonderful idea. Rest in Power, Mr. Dunlap

Mr. Dunlap was a special man. He had cared for his students on a professional and personal level. I attended Lincoln elementary for just one year (6th grade). Mr. Dunlap was an amazing leader. He took the time to learn students names and would always take the time to talk with students whenever possible. A few years ago I moved near the Dunlaps. I was shocked when I went to introduce myself and Mr. Dunlap remembered who I was after not seeing him in 20 years. That really spoke volumes to me since when I graduated my name was announced incorrectly while reading off a prompting card. Mr. Dunlap was a great man who was in my opinion one of the few administrators that cared for each student that walked through the door of his school. In my opinion he is the perfect person to name a school after. He was a great man and Principal.

Please do not change the name of Lincoln school. It is not appropriate and looks like another to attempt to erase history as Marxists in this nation want to do.

I 100% support the honoring of such a great community leader and role model in our community by renaming a school for that honor. However, for someone who played a role in diversity, it doesn't quite sit right with my husband and I that we would rename Lincoln vs Columbus or Jefferson. They both had slaves and by definition of "exemplary moral character" I'm left wondering why we would honor Columbus or Jefferson when Lincoln freed the slaves. Wouldn't it be more of an honor to Dunlap to rename one of those schools with his name?

Mr. Ron Dunlap was a great asset to Lincoln Elementary school and our community. He cared about all children and their families.

Mr Dunlap was a man of knowledge, kindness and so many more attributes that made him one of the few people that had an impact on so many students and people. I was not a student of his or even was in his school. But we had a great connection because of the man he was. During my time at Appleton he would take his time to come over and talk about the game of basketball and the game of life. It really did help me understand what was need to succeed in life and basketball. We stayed connected over the years and a couple of years ago he reached out and asked if I could speak at the afternoon Lions Club he was a member at,I couldn't say yes fast enough. Even though my schedule was busy it was a no brainer that I needed to make this happen. You don't have many people in your life that leave such an impact in your life in such a short amount of time. To rename Lincoln elementary is the last thing that we could do as a community to honor such a great man.

He was an awesome principal well I was there looked up to him

This is not the right time to take up this issue. Getting kids back in school, in-person, full- time and making up for lost learning should be the priority goal. Making this an issue now will do nothing but further divide us and cast more doubts on AASD and the school board. Take this issue up later. Show the community you care enough to focus on the children, and also allow the school to focus on their students. This change will create unnecessary work at this time. When you do take up this issue, please share what other options were or could be considered to honor Ron. Obviously he had a broader impact in our community than just within the school district.

Ron was an amazing human being. He believed in creating a better world for EVERYONE , and wasn't afraid to stand his ground when he knew it was the right thing to do. He is deeply missed♥

I think it's an excellent idea.

I am fully supportive

I think they should approve this name change. Honoring someone in the recent past would be beneficial to the community and the children in it. Having schools named after presidents/historic people is fine but their is no real connection to the community. I did not have the honor of meeting Mr. Dunlap but heard of his kindness to the children/families he served. He must have been a great man if someone in her 20's who just returned to the community after college knew about a principal in one of the many grade schools in Appleton.

My son attended Lincoln Elementary years ago. If you were to ask me the worst principal my son or daughter ever had, I would say Ron Dunlap. He was extremely stern and unforgiving. Even so, the kids were out of control. In 3rd grade, I thought my son needed self-defense classes just to make it through school. Also, over half of the teachers quit that year, which if memory serves, was after Mr Dunlap's first year as principal. That tells me there is a problem with the boss if half the employees quit. I'm not in favor of a name change for the school.

I would prefer that the name of the school remain as is. Lincoln fits the entire criteria for the naming of a school. His efforts to end slavery and his ability to keep the union whole should not be forgotten. I think we as a society are too quick to try and forget our past and where we came from. Doing that is a dangerous precedence, if we do not look to our past and learn from the good and the bad we can never move forward. Lincoln was not a perfect man, no man is, but he is a good example for the things that he did right. Not to mention the cost that the district would incur for a completely unnecessary name change. Please focus on other more pressing needs and leave the name alone.

I would urge the Board not to make this change. In my humble opinion Abraham Lincoln was the greatest president this nation has had. He kept this country together during the Civil War and made sure Emancipation was law and all Americans were free. He died for his beliefs and his memory should not be canceled. Is there a renaming policy with the AASD? If so are you considering renaming Janet Berry school for David Hash, another dedicated educator and former principal of our school district? Can AASD name a gym or meeting room for Mr. Dunlap or plan on naming our next new school in his honor? Please continue to honor President Lincoln and his great legacy alive for our students.

I would prefer the renaming of Lincoln to Dunlap Elementary in honor of work both Yvette and Ron did for their many years in the district.

I think the school name should not be changed. Perhaps the name could honor him in a different way that will potentially save taxpayers a lot of money. Lincoln Elementary School, in honor of Ronald C Dunlap. It seems inappropriate to place importance on changing a school's name at a time when children are not in school full time. I think the board/district should focus on education and once that is running smoothly, then worry about issues that are not quite as pressing.

Why is this even something being discussed right now? There are more important things to figure out, like getting our kids who are mentally and educationally suffering. The priorities of AASD are disturbing.

Yes - this is a perfect way to honor Mr. Dunlap and keep his story and spirit alive in our community!

I don't think this precedence should be set to start changing school names to former principals or staff. I know Mr. Dunlap was a great man and deserves some recognition but there are other ways to honor him. There are sure to be others that follow that will be great as well. There are more pressing matters in the district right now, like the failure rate and getting the older kids back to school at least 4 days a week. Please prioritize the matters in the district and table this until you can get a handle on the more pressing matters in the district.

Mr. Dunlap was a champion for all children. It was so important to him that children receive an education and take advantage of the opportunities public school gave them so they could live their very best life. I cannot think of a more fitting tribute to a man who gave his life to education and a better role model for our children of color to see a school named after a man who succeeded in life and embodied love and kindness.

I fully support the name change

No. Plant a tree or designate a bench or better yet a scholarship. What about the next person who dies....

Even with the best of intentions, a concern would be that we could rename every school building to honor some person. Leave the name the way it is now.

I knew Mr. Dunlap and believe that he was an excellent man. This proposal makes me very happy and I wholeheartedly agree with it. My only suggestion would be regarding the inclusion of the former name, Lincoln. The name as it is suggested seems to be a bit of a mouthful. I would potentially suggest naming a building, gym, sports field, or other significant school keystone after Lincoln, rather than keeping the name in the full school name. It may do more honor to both names to not squash them together. Any way Mr. Dunlap can be honored is a success to me, though.

I'm in favor of keeping the school name as is and honoring Ron Dunlap with naming some else after him such as the school library or the sports field

I would like the school renamed. Ronald C. Dunlap should be remembered for all of the children's lives he has changed. His name should live on.

This would be a fabulous opportunity for AASD. Mr. Dunlap was a true advocate for all students he should be honored in this small, yet significant way.

I support the renaming of Lincoln Elementary School to the Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School. I lived in Appleton nearly 30 years ago, as a fully formed adult. Ron shepherded my family through and around the political and social milieu of Appleton at that time. He did this in the way he would shepherd a new kindergarten family through new student orientation. Ron made a lasting favorable impression on my family, which benefitted the Fox Valley and Northeastern Wisconsin. You do not need to imagine the favorable impact an African American man and educator left on a rather homogeneous community. You can experience his lasting impact on a daily basis by listening to your current citizens of all stripes, hues, abilities and ages. No other long term African American resident has had a more endearing impact on the greater Appleton community in the history of Appleton and the Fox Valley. The Dunlap family made a conscious decision over 30 years ago to bless Appleton with their presence and contributions. The rest of us hightailed it away from Appleton at the first opportunity. Any other community like Appleton would have loved to have had them and be honored by their presence and contribution. Given the state of the American polarized political and social climate, isn't it wise to honor and acknowledge the very place Ronald C.

It is appropriate to change the name of Lincoln School to Ronald C. Dunlap School. I am glad you are leaving the Lincoln name in there.

Leave the name alone. Name the gym after him as you have done in other cases in the district. Is your plan to start renaming all elementary schools? An example being Janet Berry wasn't renamed after Dave Hash instead the gym was named after him. Why change the name of the entire school and then have to pay for new signage, etc. Not a wise way to spend tax dollars.

While Ron sounds like a lovely person, this change is unnecessary and confusing.

I do not support the name change.

Ron Dunlap was a fine man (I knew him). Abraham Lincoln was a fine man. I see no reason to change the name Lincoln Elementary at all. When a new school is added, add his name to that school.

Fine to consider, but your timing is horrible. It continues a pattern of being tone-deaf to what is happening in our school district. 100% of your efforts should be put towards finding a way to get our kids back in school safely.

I am sure Mr. Dunlap is very deserving and am not opposed to renaming, but now is definitely not the time. Please table this until current issues are addressed and ALL of our kids are back in school, full time, like all of our surrounding districts.

Thank you

I agree with the idea of naming schools/buildings/facilities after former teachers who had long-standing positive influences within the district. Based on all communications I receive from the AASD, I know that the district is highly concerned with the way it carefully presents itself. So I'm baffled by the fact that, especially within the current social context, the district would even entertain the idea of renaming LINCOLN elementary school. Yes, I understand this was the building Mr Dunlap worked at, so it would make natural sense to name the building for him. On the other hand: LINCOLN..... And to say that this is "not an effort to eliminate a current school name" while literally doing just that is a poor argument at best and a waste of words. The consolation of pairing one of the most important figures in American history with the cartoon mascot of an elementary school is pretty degrading in my opinion. I didn't know Mr Dunlap, but I would hazard to guess that he wouldn't consider himself more important than Lincoln, but would be honored to simply be mentioned in the same breath. So why not simply Lincoln - Dunlap Elementary?

I have known Ron for many years, He has always been the most down to earth person I have ever met. It would be a great honor to have the school renamed

To even be considering this, or talking about this right now is appalling. Your main and only focus right now should be on getting our kids back in school, 5 days per week. Your students are failing, their mental health suffering, teachers on overload because of your poor choices to have to make them do double the work, while all districts around us and, in fact, 78% of our state can manage all in-person learning. This is embarrassing that this is even an agenda item during these times. Save it for when you get your ship afloat again, because right now it's sinking rapidly.

Horrible timing, AASD.

I have no issues with renaming, but the timing is horrible.

27% of your high schoolers are failing at least one class, and this is the business you choose to take up?

You are an embarrassment as a school board and an administration!

If Ronald C Dunlap was not Black, would you be considering renaming a school after him? If the answer is "no", then you should not rename the school after him. I understand Appleton's desire to be a watered down version of Madison, but this faux wokeness and this shallowest form of diversity is intellectually and morally dishonest. That may be the norm in Madison and Milwaukee, but I expect more from Appleton. Maybe I shouldn't.

We are sending this message to support this name change. Ronald Dunlap was principal when our two daughters attended Lincoln Elementary. Ron set an example, and inspired all who knew him to set their personal goals high and live by respected standards. He was a wonderful educator and a great communicator. His compassion touched many and his heart was huge. Ron had a personal interest and relationship with his students. Our daughters valued his friendship and guidance well into adulthood. Ron gave back to our community in so many ways. Having his name on this school will continue to lift us up. We live in a world struggling to diminish conflict and discord. We truly believe that by celebrating the memory and legacy of Ronald Dunlap, our city and students will continue to feel his positive influence. We look forward to this name change for Lincoln Elementary, as it will be a gift to Appleton. Thank you for your time on this project.

I think it an amazing idea! He was a staple in this community.

This is an outstanding idea and excellent way to honor Mr. Dunlap. I fully support the renaming.

Mr. Dunlap was a pillar in the community and impacted so many lives including mine I attending Appleton high school were I met Mr. Dunlap and he always had positive things to say and encouraging words. He was one of the positive back role models I seen in Appleton and I feel it's only right to name the school after him

That there are more important things to consider at this time like getting all kids into school full time..thats what needs to be focused on.

Given Mr. Dunlap's dedication, service and commitment to public education and children, we believe that a school should be named in honor of Mr. Dunlap's lifelong service to our children, all children and public education. We ask why not?

The fact that you put together a group to even discuss something like changing a school name is just beyond belief. Energy needs to be focused on getting the kids back into school with medical freedom and choice for what best fits each family. Not one size fits all. Focus on what really needs to be addressed, not changing some stupid school name. Come on AASD! Let's think about the kids for a change. I am so disappointed.

How in the world are we even talking about this?? Get your priorities straight. Start making our kids, your students the #1 priority for a change. Are you kidding me.... Besides that why would we ever spend 80,000 plus thousand dollars to change a name of a school. Are you kidding me?? You disgrace this wonderful persons name by even mentioning such a ridiculous idea. They would have never wanted you to spend ridiculous amount of tax payer money on this. I'm sure they would rather you just gave the money to the teachers who have been busting their butts for our kids during this no win situation of you locking our kids out of school. Plus we have no idea how our drastic deduction of enrollment because you locked kids out of school will even have on our future budget. Stop the nonsense and do what is right for once. Seriously....

He sounds like a great man. I feel like he should be honored but the school should remain Lincoln Elementary. Please, honor him by focusing on getting our kids back into school. Thank you.

While great in theory, now is not the time to change the name of a school. There are bigger issues that the AASD Board of Education needs to focus on right now. Students across the district have been suffering with their mental health and school work for nearly an entire year. Please focus your time, energy, and money on helping the current students. Just because a student isn't failing doesn't mean they are succeeding. Table this for now. Make things right with your students and families, get past the covid crisis, and then revisit it. Mr. Dunlap was a great man, and deserves to be honored, but he, too, would put the students first.

No to the name change. Great man, but there will be other great principals that will pass on some day. Will AASD change more school names in honor of other principals? Why not change a school name to Mielke? He was a great man! So, no to the name change.

Your focus shouldn't be in changing a name of a school! The only focus you should have is on how to get your stuff together like the surrounding school districts and get these kids back in school! You will never understand the damage you are doing to these kids! The more time goes on the more I think is it that you just don't care what you are doing to these kids?? Get your priorities straight and figure this out.

I think it is ridiculous to consider spending tax payer money on this right now. There is a a time and place for everything, and the timing on this is a slap in the face. This district is a joke and the focus needs to be on things that matter!!! GET OUR KIDS BACK INTO SCHOOL before you worry about renaming it. It is embarrassing that you are focusing on this before the well being of our children. So sad!!!!

I don't give a **** what you name the school as long as our kids get to go to school. Quit abusing your power.

Please focus your energy and resources on our children and getting all our kids back to school 5 full days a week! This is not the time to be focusing on this. I am a huge admirer of Ron Dunlap, our daughter actually won the Ron Dunlap award a few years go. As I understand it, this will cost about \$80,000 to make the name change on building etc... please use that money towards the well being of our kids and getting them back in person!!! Please consider postponing this name change until things have "returned to normal" as this is not a pressing matter. Thank you.

I personally think this is the worst time to even consider putting this much thought/money into something other than getting every single child back to 5 days a week of in person learning. These kids are being failed on so many levels! It's going to be extremely hard to reverse the damage you all have forced upon our children, your students by shutting them out! Let's get our middle and high school students in school 5 days a week before you even think about changing the name of a school. It blows my mind that this is still happening! It's time to step it up AASD board members and do what's right and what's best for our kids, your students!! This should be your #1 priority!

Let's not focus on renaming a school right now. Let's focus on "every student every day" and get them back in school 5 days a week!!!!!! NO don't Change the name!! Inappropriate priorities!!

While Mr. Dunlap did wonderful things for all students in the community, no one has done more for all Americans than Abraham Lincoln. My hesitation to switch the name is not out of disrespect to Mr. Dunlap but out of immense respect for Abraham Lincoln.

We definitely need to honor Mr Dunlap!! <3

Spending any amount of time or money, the tax payers provided AASD, on renaming a school is a complete and utter waste! Even thinking about renaming a school in a time when the incompetent school board can't come anywhere near achieving the AADS mission statement makes the AASD school board look like more of a joke.

AASD has failed to provide an education to so many of the children of this district which is their number one purpose. Until all children whose parents or guardians wish them to receive an in-person education are physically in a school 5 full days stop wasting taxpayers money on anything else.

No, do not change the name to a previous principal. Lincoln Lions means more to the students than. My son is confused to why a school name would be changed if the first place.

Leave the name alone. Get all the kids back in school.

I understand the sentiment. But if you're truly serious about doing everything you can to get ALL students back in the classroom full time, this renaming project must wait.

Any effort not directed at finding a solution for full time, in-person, school should be delayed.

We've all sacrificed during COVID and this project can wait until a more appropriate time.

This is a great way to honor Ron Dunlap's legacy.

What about all the other past, present and future educators and other notable leaders in the community. Once we start changing the names of schools and significant buildings, it will open a box of "renaming" which will be hard to close.

I do not support changing the name of the school. I feel like it's a huge waste of money. Name a program after him or a new school something that doesn't have a huge cost to it.

The focus should not be on renaming a school but on getting all our children back in school full time. I am incredibly disappointed in AASD. Your priorities are not our children.

I am in favor of re-naming the school in honor of Mr. Dunlap as proposed. It is refreshing to see our schools named after educators from our own district who have improved the lives and educations of our students. While we are at it, lets also rename Stephen Foster (named after someone not from Appleton or Wisconsin, and who furthermore made money writing racist minstrel songs) and Columbus (named after a person who terrorized and killed the Indigenous People he encountered and who never came anywhere near Wisconsin or Appleton). Thank you for this initiative.

What a wonderful way to honor the legacy of one of our own!

I don't think this is the right economic climate or time to spend money on renaming a school. The primary focus of the district should be getting all students back in person 100% 5 days a week. Use this money to make sure your students are getting an equitable education. I used to think very highly of AASD but sadly that is no longer true.

I knew Mr. Dunlap. He was a great man who did many great things for his students the city and the district. I believe that he would be happy to have a school named after him and be truly humbled by it. But not Lincoln and not at this time. If there is anyone that deserves it it would be Mr. Dunlap but not at the expense of another great man and President of our great nation. Why don't we concentrate on getting all of our kids back to school full time first and then discuss this. I feel this is a big "right time, right place" issue that needs to be solved first. Then tackle an issue like renaming/naming a school after Mr. Dunlap, a man who definitely deserves such an honor. If I remember correctly isn't there a new elementary school being built or proposed in the near future? Why not wait for that? I feel it would be what he would want. It would be better than changing the name from "Lincoln" which shouldn't even be considered. This is an issue for a different time, a time when "Every student, every day" is back in school full time. Until then, this should be tabled and During this time of all students still not even being able to attend in-person school full time, I feel it is not the right time to commit money, time and energy to renaming a school. Work on getting all kids back in-person full time. Take up this issue at a later time.

NOOOOOOO! Don't you teachers have anything better to do.

..If you want to change the name of this amazing school after an amazing human I am fine with this but you need to look at other schools like Houdini. Houdini had an amazing principal who he did changed the school environment 100%. I was there when he started. I am a person who has a communication disability cerebral palsy and use a communication device. This principal changed me and I want to be in the education field because of him. Sadly he had brain cancer and passed in 2010. They have a bench for him in the playground, but how many students and teachers know that he was important to many many of us who went through the school.

As a Lincoln Lion alum I can personally give testament to Principal Dunlap, there's no question, he was a great man. Ron's dedication and commitment are a living asset to our community, his legacy will forever be present in the students that he fostered. Principal Dunlap personified the role of a leader, he will forever be remembered as a man who lived and taught by example. First and foremost Ron Dunlap put the health, wellbeing, and education of children above all in every decision that he made. Children were his number one priority and he never faltered from that vision. Principal Dunlap would be abhorred by the audacity of the AASD BOE in squandering precious time and resources on this renaming endeavor while student failure rates skyrocket, while student mental health suffers, while children struggle to get through each school day, while children's right to a nourishing education is neglected, while children are continuing to lose hope. We all agree, Principal Dunlap was a great man and he should be honored for his decades of service to the greater community but he would agree that our children are facing extremely serious issues and they should be our number one priority at this time. The students of AASD need our full and immediate attention now, anything less would be a further failure for our children and be disparaging of Ron's name and legacy. I urge the BOE to put this renaming initiative on hold until all of our students are back in school full time, until all students have caught up their studies to grade level and their test score/grades show conclusively that they're back on solid footing for their future, we all know this will take a few years. At that time the community can revisit this renaming initiative with the focus that Principal Dunlap's legacy deserves.

This is the ideal way to honor Dunlap's memory. It is a positive way to encourage diversity. It is an excellent way to empower all students to value their education and their educators and even consider education as a future vocation.

I am absolutely appalled that the district would consider spending this kind of money on changing the name of a school. I think there are better ways to honor Mr. Dunlap. Knowing of him and his legacy, I think even he would be against this change.

Time for AASD to "read the room" and get your priorities straight!! This is the time to focus on getting all of our children back to school in person full time!!

I understand there are extra expenses in educating children during these times, lets put the money to better use and educate our children properly.

You're crazy, this is an \$80,000 expense that doesn't need to happen. Ron Dunlap was an amazing person and a great teacher but how does that justify this expense? Name a new building after him someday or something else but why rebrand for that amount of money?

Renaming the school is not a top priority at this time. I'd prefer my struggling, barely hanging on 6th grade student get back into school 5 days a week full time. Get your priorities straight.

I'm sure this man is wonderful from what I understand but honestly don't you have anything better to do. Like getting all the kids back in school??? Find a less expensive way to honor him. Lincoln is an American hero he deserves the honor just as much. Find a different way. And focus on the real area like getting all kids back in school

I am in support of adding Ron's name to Lincoln Elementary. He was a pillar in our community and deserves to have his legacy acknowledged in a visible and lasting way.

This is not the right time to consider a name change. It would be fiscally irresponsible to allocate dollars to changing branding/signage given other more critical needs in the district. The priority that should be getting attention and financial backing is returning all students to full-time in-person schooling. Putting this out for feedback shows just how severely the board is disconnected from the needs of its students.

I honestly think that the timing of this is extremely unfortunate and frankly, embarrassing. AASD BOE spent more time discussing this agenda item than the present and active situation that our children continue to struggle every day because AASD refuses to resume full-time service to our community. And to so quickly suggest that there be community input on an discussion this this when community input has been completely stifled regarding to other effects of children and families for this entire school year? Appalling.

There should be no "business as usual" until the current crisis is overcome and AASD leadership employs every ounce of energy to resume quality education and demonstrates that our children are truly a priority. There is no concern bigger than this. And if I were Ron Dunlap I'd be appalled to be associated with the current state of AASD.

If there are truly extra funds available to spend on a renaming project, please consider using those funds to the fullest by starting a grant fund, scholarship, or other program focused on helping our most vulnerable children recover from the neglect they have endured during this past year. Even better, start a Community School project at Lincoln and call it the Dunlap Center if you really want to highlight the legacy of caring deeply for our children.

And please, let us all refocus on carrying out Ron Dunlap's example by caring for all of our children and Are you kidding me! I'm totally not against blacks but when is this going to stop! So who is Lincoln to our History.....nothing? Name the next new street or make a memorial marker on the grounds in his honor. Wouldn't that be a better solution.

I prefer to keep the name Lincoln School. There is too much destruction right now to past historical names and events. I worked with Ron when I filled in at Lincoln as I began my career in the AASD and had high respect for this professional. I'd like his name used to recognize another important building (such as a badly needed elementary or middle school) or future event of importance.

I strongly support the renaming of Lincoln Elementary to Ronald C Dunlap Elementary. I personally knew Ron & feel this is a wonderful way to honor him.

I think the proposal is a wonderful way to honor the legacy of Mr Dunlop. The Appleton School district was very fortunate he served all students as he ID. His legacy deserves to live on with this honor.

I think it's a great idea. He is definitely a person who has had a great impact on education in Appleton. It makes sense to rename Lincoln for him, since he had been principal there for so many years. If there was ever anyone in this community who should have a school named after them, it would be Ron Dunlap.

Definitely should rename after Ron Dunlap !

I remember when Ron came to Lincoln Elementary. He was a great man and helped everyone and anyone who needed it. I had many great conversations with him and consider him one of my many mentors I had while I was employed there for 21 years. Please make this happen as it is sorely deserved.

Getting our kids back in school 5 days a week should be your only priority right now. Focusing on getting our juniors and seniors back in school and caught up should be what you are spending your time and resources on. These kids don't have YEARS to repair the damage that has been done as they sit home OR sit in class WATCHING SCREENS to teach them content a teacher in front of the classroom should be doing.

The AASD board has FAILED our kids and that is your legacy. You have ONE JOB right now and that is to focus on what must be done to fix this. Appleton used to be a school district to be proud of, the actions of the last year have put the work of people like Mr Dunlap to shame.

Seriously?!?! With a record number of students failing classes, a complete lack of concern or interest in the unprofessional comments and behavior of some teachers and coaches, and a lack of resources to support the declining mental health of our students, I cannot even believe this is actually a topic of discussion right now. Priorities, AASD, get them straight.

I think this is a really fantastic idea! The Dunlap family has given so much to the area and renaming the school where he was principal for 16 years after him is beautiful.

I like this idea! I think it's important to recognize Mr. Dunlap and his legacy, and I hope it moves forward.

I agree with the renaming in honor of Mr Dunlap

I support the renaming

I attended Lincoln elementary from. I lived across the street from Lincoln. When I was 7 years old I went through a phase in my life when i was scared to leave my home. One day I refused to go to school. I sat on my kitchen floor and wouldn't budge. Mr Dunlap, my principal, walked over to my house and talked with me in my kitchen that day. He talked to me about how important school was and how I needed to go to school. He took my hand that day and walked me to school. On my high school graduation day from appleton high school, Mr Dunlap attended our graduation ceremony. We talked that day and he even remembered coming to my house so many years ago to bring me to school. This man has been such a positive impact on not only his past students, but to this community. It would be such an honor to rename the school after him. Please consider this positive change.

Stand in opposition to the renaming of any school or building in our community after a single person. Find some property in the community and name a park after them.

I think they've gone over the edge. Just compare Ron Dunlap to Abraham Lincoln - you think Ron Dunlap somehow comes out on top in that comparison!!! The craziness affecting our country has reached the Appleton School Board.

As a former student of Lincoln and to honor our 16th President of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA I would prefer to leave the school's name as is. If you want to name the Gym after him, that is fine. If AASD decides to build a new school and wanted to name it after Ron, I'm fine with that. For the times I've been around Ron I thought he was a nice person. Quit adding fuel to the fire with the Race issues that persist. God Bless you and have a great day!

Amazing man who's legacy deserves to last in infamy. He was well known within our community and did so many great things for our youth. Mr. Dunlap and his family deserve this honor.

While I never had the opportunity to work with Mr. Dunlap, I was able to take a course taught by him. He was kind and very wise—exactly the type of person we need to remember, and exactly the type of person we need as a role model for our young students. I think the renaming of Lincoln School to add Mr. Dunlap's name is very appropriate and a superb idea.

I think it is a terrific way to honor Ronald Dunlap and preserve the original name of the school. Glad to hear it is not motivated by a sanitization of history.

No name change is warranted. Ron Dunlap was an exceptionally good principal but not more consequential than Abraham Lincoln.

This is not what is important for our district to focus on and spend money on. We NEED to get these kids back in school! There have been many ways shown to make this happen successfully! I understand the desire to honor Ron Dunlap and I agree with this. HOWEVER, now is not the time to do this. Put this on the agenda to address next year!

I started as a student teacher at Lincoln with Ron, and he hired me on full-time. He was a good man, a good administrator, and a great educator. I would be glad to see the school renamed for him. My favorite memory of Ron is watching him fold himself into a kindergarten chair to read to kindergartners in that booming voice. They loved, trusted and respected him.

Please leave the name of Lincoln School as is. Name the library or gymnasium after Mr. Dunlap.

I was the first kindergarten class when Lincoln Elementary opened. I feel as if my elementary school is now gone. I did not go to Dunlap Elementary.

This is a beautiful and important step to take honoring Ron and what he gave to our community. Please vote to make this happen.

I am in favor of this change. I think that his legacy needs to be honored, and with the signage needing to be changed and the funds mostly raised, I think now is the perfect time for it.

Dear BoE - I am writing to wholeheartedly support renaming Lincoln Elem. to Dunlap Elem. What a beautiful legacy for Mr. Dunlap, his family, and the Appleton community!

As a student who attended Lincoln School from pre-K through grade 6, I have to say that the idea of renaming the school in honor of Lincoln's forward-thinking, hard-working administrator is beyond excellent. I had always hoped to stop in to see Mr. Dunlap on one of my visits to Appleton. That never happened. But I always admired him from afar as I read about him and his students in the Post-Crescent from time to time. Renaming the school in Mr. Dunlap's honor would be a thoughtful, significant move. I applaud you for your idea.

we are writing in support of the renaming, from first-hand knowledge of Ron's statewide impact. Ron served on the Board of the Wisconsin Public Radio Association (WPRA) for eight years. He led the Board as Chair at the time of his death. Those last two years, Ron also represented WI public broadcasting on the State's Educational Communications Board. Neither was just an honorary position; Ron was fully engaged in both statewide boards, motivating and inspiring fellow board members and staff members alike. Ron earned the respect and friendship of everyone he dealt with at the state level, no mean feat in this day and age. Public radio in Wisconsin, and each of us whose paths crossed his, are the better for having known and had the privilege of working with Ron.

We all know of Ron's great personal accomplishments in life -- as an educator, an athlete, a passionate advocate in the community. But you might never guess that from talking to him; he had no airs or pretension. Ron was generous and kind, and 100% focused on whomever he was talking to. Ron would often remind us to carry ourselves with respect and dignity, and to treat people the way we want to be treated. We would walk away from each encounter with Ron wanting to do better and be better. We could not possibly find a better model for our students.

The StoryCorps recording Ron made a matter of months before his death shows his love of Appleton. We encourage the Board of Education to listen to that. We also are forwarding by e-mail to Mr. Hartjes some reminiscences of WPRA Board members at our meeting following Ron's passing, to supplement these comments.

I highly endorse the decision to rename Lincoln Elementary for Ron Dunlap! Our children did not go to that elementary school, but through every casual contact I had with him and everything I read and heard about his leadership and presence in the schools and community points to his worthiness for this honor. Although the diversity issue is important to me, my enthusiasm for this move is tied to the value I see in naming our schools for people who have lived in this community and had a strong positive impact on education and the well-being of our community or been notable in history:

e.g. Daniel Huntley, Edna Ferber, Janet Berry, Houdini, Thomas Edison

Thank you for this consideration

I am very concerned with the rush to change names of schools. This is occurring all across the country. We cannot erase our history the way that has been occurring during these past several years. Tradition is important the name of Lincoln school has meaning to The many people who have attended that school over the many years of its existence. I am sure the school board can find other ways to honor Mr. Dunlap cool with the hotel left an impact in our community.

In lieu of a potential controversy due to today's "cancel culture" may I suggest that a motion be put forward to name the next "education oriented facility" within the confines of the AASD be named in his honor.

I think this is a fine idea. I would prefer that Columbus be renamed, but it makes complete sense to name the school that was home to Mr. Dunlap.

This is so perfect, on so many levels! Anyone who wonders if this is appropriate didn't know Ron. He was the epitome of what a school name should stand for - someone to be proud of, a role-model for the children who will go to school there.

Furthermore, anyone who knows their history, would know that President Lincoln would have been proud to hand over the school name to Ron Dunlap. Ron represented everything Honest Abe stood for. It couldn't be more fitting. I can see Abe smiling at the very idea.

While I don't think there is any disputing the importance and impact of Ron Dunlap's legacy, I question the desire to change Lincoln Elementary School's name for a couple of reasons. The first is the timing of such a decision. We live in a highly polarized time regarding many efforts across our nation to question the honoring and lauding of certain historical figures. Statues are being taken down, often for good reasons, but sometimes without serious, honest debate about a certain figure's legacy. I can just hear the outcry such a decision to change Lincoln's name will cause from people who cling to the name Lincoln for sentimental reasons, pride in their school's heritage and its existing namesake, and stubborn refusal to change. There will be those who think the radical left has infiltrated our school board and is hijacking our nation's great historical legacy of honoring one of the greatest presidents who ever lived. There will also be those who will point out the irony of ridding of Lincoln's name, the president who fought so valiantly against slavery and saved our nation from catastrophic division in favor of Ron Dunlap's legacy. (I doubt that Lincoln himself would have a problem with any of this.) Anytime a name change is proposed for an athletic field, a school or professional team's mascot, or a road or highway, there will be controversy, and you'd certainly be inviting it. You say the name change has nothing to do with erasing Lincoln's legacy, and I believe that, knowing full well that we have hundreds of monuments, schools, roads, etc. named after this great president. Renaming one school will certainly not take anything away from President Lincoln. But some will question the reasoning and accuse you of attempting to minimize Lincoln's importance.

The other reason I question the effort is simply that it sets a precedent. I am sure there are countless educators who deserve an honor like this. Certainly Ron Dunlap is not the only educator worthy of such an honor. I can think of another man who taught at Lincoln who I think we could all agree would be equally deserving--Frank Rippl. Why not call it the Frank Rippl School? I could go on about why Frank might be deserving of such a title, but I imagine those of you on the board already know of Mr. Rippl's accomplishments. It invites the accusation that you are partly basing the decision to name the school after Ron Dunlap partly because he is black. You want to send a message. You want to make a statement. I simply invite you to take a moment and think of the many educators who have graced the AASD with their expertise, warmth, compassion, and dedication and simply ask why we aren't naming schools after them as well. If Ron Dunlap stands out from the crowd simply on his own merits, and deserves a namesake of a

I think this is a really fantastic idea! The Dunlap family has given so much to the area and renaming the school where he was principal for 16 years after him is beautiful.

I think it is a fantastic way to honor a fantastic educator.

I do not think that Ron Dunlap deserve this. When my son was going to school he made life so difficult. Just because he was a big kid. He also had a learning disability. When talking to mr. Dunlap about things he was caught in several lies. My personal opinion is there is no need to change Lincoln School's name. It is a good school and a waste of money to change its name. And personally dealing with the school system for as long as I have there are far more better teachers and administration people out there that deserve this than he did.

Why are we tearing down our American history in so many areas all of people don't remember who Ron is but everybody can relate to Lincoln Name a street after him but please not a school It's shameful why people are destroying American history

There is no question that Ron Dunlap is deserving of recognition for his contributions to Appleton and its school system. I don't feel his recognition should be at the expense of Appleton tradition and a historic national figure. You certainly can't argue the importance of Abraham Lincoln and his desire for civil rights. Is there not some other way we can honor Ron Dunlap's contributions? How about using the money, already targeted for a new sign, as seed money for an educational grant in his honor. Maybe when we add a new addition or a new school consider him. I just feel we keep destroying the history of Appleton. I actually walked to and from Lincoln for years, stopped for a donut at the old Quaker dairy or Mikes town and Country.

Thanks for allowing opinions

It took me some time to complete this because I've thought of a million different things that I wanted to say. However, time is of the essence and this is just too important. Mr. Dunlap wasn't just a great principal- he was a life changing, course altering human being. I was blessed to not only have him as a principal, where under his leadership, I learned to appreciate EVERYONE around me for what makes them unique but I was fortunate enough to have him as a friend later in life. He is the reason that I became a teacher. He is the reason that I began the life changing work of increasing equity in our schools (I say "our" loosely, although I teach in the Valley). He is the reason I am pursuing Ed Leadership and hopefully will be a principal one day. I'd love to say that I'd like to make a difference like he did but those shoes are too big to fill (quite literally!). Not only has he been a pillar for me professionally but he attended my high school graduation, wedding, dinners, and other events throughout the community with me. He asked me tough questions and respectfully, challenged my thinking on many occasions, not to be right but to help me become the best person I could be. He cared THAT much. I am a better teacher, mother, daughter, wife, and person for having his influence in my life. I would love nothing more than to be able to drive past Lincoln and see such an amazing tribute. I would love to tell my kids one day about who Mr. Dunlap is and why it was so important that Appleton named a school after him. I am proud to be from this community, and I have every bit of confidence that it will do the right thing and give Mr. Dunlap the honor he deserves!

I served in the AASD for three years. Many building administrators, mostly male, were highly critical of my work toward gender and racial equity in our schools. I received vulgar, nasty e-mails and was regularly insulted in person. At one meeting I attended, with some elementary principals, the insults were loud and personal. One loud, commanding voice called the meeting to a halt. He asked for the ugliness to stop. He asked them to remember that the AASD had hired me and said "you are angry because she is doing her job". He then walked across the room and sat next to me. This man was Ron Dunlap. He had strong values regarding equality and was not afraid to stand up for them and for others working toward equality.

While naming something in the school district for Ron Dunlap is a good idea, it should not come at the expense of one of the greatest presidents we've ever had. It could be argued that, thanks to President Lincoln's efforts, Ron was able to achieve his dreams of being a highly respected educator. By relegating President Lincoln to almost an afterthought (Lincoln Lions), you minimize Lincoln's legacy. It would be more appropriate to name something at Lincoln, such as the gymnasium, in his honor. It would honor Ron at the school where he spent much of his career while still honoring President Lincoln. Leave the school name, Lincoln, as it is and name part of the school after Ron.

I fully support the proposal to rename Lincoln Elementary to honor Mr. Dunlap and his lifetime of contributions to making our community a better place to live. What a great way to honor his important work to know that students for generations to come will ask about Mr. Dunlap. From that question they will learn of his important work and be inspired to make their own positive contributions to our community. Thank you for considering this name change!

Having served with Ron Dunlap on a committee, I and the others of the committee learned quickly how carefully he listened, thoughtfully expressed his views, fairly wanted the money spent to improve special needs of the city, and how clearly he could convey his considered decisions. I recommend the name change of Lincoln School to Ronald C. Dunlap Elementary School.

He carried that same character to leading Lincoln School. In addition he brought talent, hard work and great respect for all of the children and staff, encouraging and helping them to develop faith in themselves and their own abilities, and, to value their education.

To rename Lincoln School to the Ron C. Dunlap Elementary School would convey to children, parents, and community that those who serve as examples of strong leadership and character deserve to be honored for their commitment to excellence with both humility and courage.

p.s. I write this boldly from retirement in another state because for over 40 years I lived in Appleton, where my heart remains. I offer this letter to the Board of Education, trusting it be honored for its intent....to show

I had the honor to work with Ron as a colleague, both dedicated to supporting and caring for the elementary children and staff of our neighborhoods. When I first met Ron and shook his hands I found them to be huge, but as we worked together I found his heart to even be bigger. It was a joy to work with someone who often crossed the streets of our schools and programs to partner in activities and projects. One of the best examples is the establishment of a shared weather station, built by Appleton West students and connected to a national weather program of the Federal government. Ron was one of a KIND, gentle in manner, but fierce in dedication to foster quality education for all students, specifically within the challenges of our student populations. What better to honor the legacy of Abraham Lincoln's goal to provide equality for all than to have this school renamed in honor of Ron, a lion of an educator.

Do not make the change. Keep it Lincoln. Now is not the time when so many other more important issues in education need attention.

I had the wonderful privilege of working with Ron Dunlap at Lincoln School when he first started as principal there. I was immediately impressed by his forward thinking, his demands for excellence and respect, and his genuine kindness! I strongly support the renaming of Lincoln School!

I knew Ron. Can't think of a better way to honor a generous man

Ron is a Pillar-in-our-Community! And...A Legacy to be Recognized!! Forever A Lincoln Lion!!!

I disagree with this change, not because Ron Dunlap doesn't deserve the honor of having a school named after him, but because doing this will open the doors to removing people's names from other schools for spurious reasons. The moment the idea of renaming Lincoln became known, an AASD teacher sent in a request to the Board to consider renaming Stephen Foster Elementary because Stephen Foster composed songs for minstrel shows. So this concern is not theoretical at this point; the slippery slope has already started.

It's also concerning to me that there seem to be no records of the committee meetings in which this proposal originated. Greg Hartjes told me that it was a city run committee so AASD did not have agenda and minute records, but when I contacted the city Clerk's office she did not know anything about this committee and had no records either. It's inappropriate for the school district to be conducting these things behind closed doors for 9 months and only then bringing it to the wider community and giving the public less than 2 weeks to provide feedback.

It also bears noting that there are no historical instances of AASD removing the name of a person from a school and replacing it with someone else's name. It also should be pointed out that the district guidelines speak of "naming" schools; they do not speak of "renaming" them, and they don't give any guidance as to when it is and is not appropriate to remove someone's name from a school.

At any rate, if the Board is determined to go forward with this move instead of finding a different way to honor Mr. Dunlap, I think the Board should strongly repudiate the call you have already received to rename Stephen Foster Elementary and you should commit to naming the next school that is built in Appleton after Abraham Lincoln. I think you should also try to find a way to honor President Lincoln in a more extensive way than by relegating him to a slogan at the school that used to carry his name. Build a statue or paint a mural or rename the auditorium after him. Make sure that you continue to honor him in substantive and visible ways at the school you're considering removing his name from.

Finally, I was a little shocked when I read in a letter Mr. Hartjes wrote to a parent that there are currently no AASD gyms, auditoriums, or fields named after BIPOC individuals. This seems like a huge oversight. It surprises me that (a) Mr. Dunlap was never honored in one of these ways while he was still alive and (b) it

I was lucky enough to work with Ron as a parent and PTA member and then years later as a staff member. I watched him from both perspectives give his time to students and their families to help them become all that they wanted to and could be. He never forgot "his" kids and would follow them as they continued through their school years and into adulthood. He offered mentoring to many and they looked up to and respected him. This respect of others is a legacy that he passed on to them. I can think of no better way to honor and acknowledge what he did for so many than to include his name as part of the Lincoln School community.

Regardless of whether my elementary school gets renamed, I will never forget what Mr. Dunlap taught me. He truly showed us how to judge a person by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. He was an excellent role model for us, and especially for me as a man. His voice boomed with a loud thunder when he spoke, but when anyone heard him speak they experienced the calm that comes before a storm. I will always remember him as a gentle giant who truly modeled the phrase: "be wise as a serpent, but harmless as a dove." I thank God for Ron Dunlap.

Although I did not know Mr. Dunlap personally, I did follow his local career through friends who did have children attend his school and through news articles from time to time. He was by all standards a fine educator and an equally fine human being worthy of some type of honor. My concern is with removing the name of Lincoln to replace it with Mr. Dunlap. At this moment in time, Mr. Dunlap has many former students, teachers and local citizens who know of his fine work and wish to honor it - and I applaud that. I would hope that the Appleton School Board could find an alternative way of honoring Mr. Dunlap, without replacing the name of Lincoln, the Great Emancipator and a true hero of historic proportion. It seems to be fashionable at this time to dismiss the contributions of our great national historical figures and replace them with contemporary names. I oppose doing so and would support some alternate way of honoring Mr. Dunlap. Thank you for allowing me to have some input in this matter.

I could write pages of reasons that Lincoln School should be renamed after Ron. I will just say that he was a great role model to our children as well as to my husband and myself. He was always interested in whatever it was you wanted to talk about and was interested in finding solutions to challenges. I respected Ron as much as anyone I know. He was a truly honorable person.

I have been a volunteer at 6 different Appleton public schools in my retirement, including reading to first graders at Lincoln Elementary. I also served on a community committee to interview school superintendent candidates that resulted in the hiring of Lee Allinger. I know of Ron Dunlap and his commitment to education and once wrote a letter in his defense when a letter appeared in the local newspaper accusing Ron of being a racist. I also once told Ron - in good humor - that he should not be wearing his old (Chicago) White Sox baseball cap in public. I think the next public school to be built in Appleton should be named after Ron, but not a current school. Although he was principal for many years at Lincoln, it is appropriately named after the greatest American president, and that name should remain. American history will forever remember Abraham Lincoln; it will not remember Ron Dunlap. I also think it will be confusing to name a school after one historical figure but name its mascot after another. To reiterate, I am in favor of naming a new school after Ron, but I am opposed to reducing the stature of Abraham Lincoln by relegating his name to the school mascot. I even think that Ron would agree with me on this issue. I thank the AASD school board for even mentioning this honor to honor another Appleton educator, but this is necessarily a comparative event. You are comparing the accomplishments of Ron Dunlap with those of the dozens of other extraordinary educators who have served the district over the past 100 years.

What process did you go through to consider these other educators for this historic honor? How did you determine that it was Ron Dunlap and not one of these other extraordinary educators who deserve this historic honor?

If you truly gave thorough consideration to all other former Appleton educators and determined Ron Dunlap was the "best of the best" then we support this. But if you have not given the same level of consideration to the many other great former Appleton educators, then this should not be done until equal consideration has been given to all of them.

Personally we are aware of a few other outstanding former Appleton educators who served longer, sent their own children through the system and seem to us equally distinguished. Therefore they may appear to be as deserving (or perhaps more deserving) of this historic honor. Thank you for giving the public a chance to weigh in on this decision.

You should not be changing the name of the school especially when it's going to cost the district more money. You can't continue to complain that the district is out of money and then decide to change the name of a school and in turn spend more money. Plus let's stop with the cancel culture already. Enough is enough.

I support renaming the school

I would like you to know that I and many others are up hauled that you would be considering this change right now. First the name change costs significant money of which all is not donated. In a year where any and I mean any funds should be going only to get kids in school full time this is embarrassing that the district would even consider this a focus right now. I think Mr. Dunlap would want your focus to be kids in school before even considering this change. Number two the district, administration, and boards sole focus should be getting our kids in school face to face in person. This is the wrong time to consider this all absolutely all your focus should be face to face education. Again Mr. Dunlap would want your focus to be on the children. Honor him by working hard for our children. I am sure he would be proud of that.