

New Darlington Elementary School Community Ballot - Mascot & Name

Thanks to the hard work and extensive input from students, parents, faculty, and community, the Darlington School Identity Committee has narrowed the name and mascot choices down to the following options. Please cast your vote for your preference!

Please note: You must be a resident of Darlington, SC with a zip code of 29540 or 29532 to vote.

All final decisions lie with the Darlington County Board of Education.

School Mascot (choose one):



TIGER



EAGLE



BEAR



HAWK

School Name (select one):

- 1) **East Darlington Elementary School** – The new elementary school is located in the eastern portion of Darlington.
- 2) **First Street Elementary School** – The new elementary school is located on First Street in Darlington.
- 3) **Brunson-Dargan Elementary School** - Miss Susannah "Susie" Brunson graduated from Converse College and was named an Outstanding Alumna for her career in education. She joined St. John's School as a teacher in 1909 and later served as grammar school principal until she retired in 1946. She also taught at the Study Center in Florence and three years as a member of the summer school faculty of Clemson College. Miss Margaret Dargan devoted her life to the students of St. John's high school where she served as principal for 41 years, until her retirement in 1946.
- 4) **Dr. Willie Boyd, Sr. Elementary School** – Dr. Willie Boyd, Sr. began his career as a teacher at Mayo High School in 1968 after his return from the Vietnam War. He became assistant principal before taking over as principal of Rosenwald High School. In 1982, he returned to Mayo as principal. Over the next three decades, he served as Darlington County School District's (DCSD) Transportation Director, Assistant to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, and Associate Superintendent. In 2017 he was named DCSD Acting Superintendent, the first African-American to do so. Dr. Boyd retired in 2018 after more than 50 years of service to the school district.
- 5) **J. L. Cain Elementary School** – From 1901-1944, Mr. James Lawrence Cain served as principal of Mayo Graded School, building it into one of the top three African-American high schools in the state. Under his leadership, the school grew from a five-teacher school with an enrollment of 275 to a 24-teacher school with an enrollment of 1,500 pupils. Mr. Cain also served as president of the Palmetto State Teachers Association as well as President of the Darlington County Teachers Association and the SC Negro Teachers Association. He organized and built the Pee Dee District Summer School and later became director of the State Summer Schools.
- 6) **C. C. Wearing Elementary School** - Mr. C. C. Wearing served as the principal of Cain Elementary School from 1955 to 1978. Beloved by his pupils and held in high regard by his community, he led the schools through numerous transitions. Mr. Wearing held an undergraduate degree from Benedict College and a master's degree from SC State.

Your Information (required):

Your name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Zip Code: _____

**Deadline:
Sept. 24, 2019**



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