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On behalf of the Jordan WRAP After School Program which serves a student body of over 3500 students at Jordan High School and within the community boundaries, we are excited with the possibility of naming the new Library in North Long Beach the Michelle Obama Library. We can't think of a better person to honor then this woman who we feel really stands out and is well known amongst youth and children in our community, let alone in this world.

We have had the opportunity to share this idea of naming the new Library with over 100 students currently service as leaders in our afterschool Xi Sisters and Omega Brothers Leadership Program. We have discussed a few reasons why we think this new Library should be names after Michelle Obama.

• Michelle Obama has been a huge figure in the world amongst children and youth. She has campaigned for better nutrition and a healthier lifestyle for children through her Lets Move campaign. We have watched children get excited about her movement and am proud there is someone as high up in her status who cares about the health of the children in the world.

Michelle Obama is a role model to young women in our community because she models the true embodiment of what a woman should be. She encourages young women to stay in school and to strive for college, even creating a rap video on going to college to appeal to our youth which we very much appreciated.

She supports children, conservation, creative arts, education, environment, homelessness, human rights, and hunger, which is all things the youth in this North Long Beach Community support and embrace

She supports a program called Let Girls Learn which reached over #62 million girls which engage and support young girls to address the range of challenges of adolescent girls from attending and completing school and from realizing their potential as adults which is exactly what several of our youth serving programs here in North Long Beach strive to do.

We really feel strong about finding a leader we can identify with to have the honor of naming the Library after. We also feel strongly that students will be able to identify with this name and feel excited about utilizing the Library, especially if they had a part in naming it. We hope we can assist in naming the library and hope we can have a strong leader like Michelle Obama be honored with it.

Sincerely,

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