

**Ruth Acty Elementary School
Learning About Top Seven Names**

As reported in the October 21, 2020 update to the Board, school community meetings and webinars were held to inform and solicit input from the school community, and an online form was used to solicit naming submissions from the wider BUSD community, garnering 221 individual submissions of 69 unique school name suggestions, which the NAC reviewed in order to winnow the list to 18 and then to seven top options.

In late October and early November, a committee of school teachers volunteered to create learning materials for classroom and family discussions about the top seven options, including slideshows telling the story of each potential name, with prompts to engage staff, classrooms and families in discussions. The learning materials are posted on the BUSD website as well as the school PTA website.

Links to the slideshows - both the full classroom slideshows and abbreviated versions for a PTA meeting, are provided below

Name Suggestion	Link to Slideshow
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Ruth Bader Ginsburg Slideshow RBG PTA
Ruby Bridges	Ruby Bridges Slideshow - Ruby Bridges-PTA
Ruth Acty	Ruth Acty Slideshow Ruth Acty PTA
Betty Reid Soskin	Betty Reid Soskin Slideshow Betty Reid Soskin PTA
Yoshiko Uchida	Yoshiko Uchida Slideshow Yoshiko Uchida PTA
Muwekma Ohlone	Muwekma Ohlone Slideshow Muwekma Ohlone PTA
Maya Angelou	Maya Angelou Slideshow Maya Angelou PTA

School staff reported high interest, engagement and excitement from students, staff and families, as the school-wide project provided an opportunity for learning together about meaningful stories that often had direct links to local Berkeley history.

Classrooms and the school community had straw polls and focus groups to provide feedback on top choices. A detailed summary of the community feedback is found in [Appendix D](#).