

San Francisco School Board Strikes Names of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson From 44 Schools

The “cancel culture” has now added the names of former U.S. presidents George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Jefferson to its “get rid of” list.

According to reports from several media outlets, the San Francisco School Board voted 6-1 to remove the names of the former presidents and other American Founding Fathers, along with the name of California Democratic Sen. Diane Feinstein, from 44 local public schools.

The former presidents were presumed by board members to have ties to racism or have “dishonorable legacies.”

Other names on the chopping block include Francis Scott Key who wrote the poem from which the national anthem is based; former presidents William McKinley and James Garfield (who both served in the Union Army during the Civil War); James Monroe and Herbert Hoover; Paul Revere, a hero of the American Revolution; and author Robert Louis Stevenson.

Sen. Feinstein’s name will be removed from one elementary school due to allegations that she once replaced a damaged Confederate flag outside of the San Francisco City Hall when she was serving as mayor in 1984. *The Daily Mail* reports the flag was a part of an 18-flag historical display located outside of City Hall and had been on display for 14 years before Feinstein took office.

KNTV reports all of the schools will have until April to select new names for their campuses, which will then be voted

on by board members.

The issue of renaming San Francisco schools has drawn national attention. Former President Donald Trump tweeted against the school board's plans last fall. Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ariz., also tweeted a harsh response to the news, writing, "San Francisco can't figure out how to safely open schools. But they have the time and energy to cancel Abraham Lincoln."

Some critics also pointed to how the information about the historical figures had been collected. Researchers working for the board had used Wikipedia to get their information, instead of backing up their claims with input from historians, according to the *Mail*.

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