

SCHOOL BUILDING

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Naming a school, in whole or in part, is an important matter that deserves thoughtful attention. Personal prejudice or favoritism, political pressure, or temporary popularity should not be an influence in choosing a school name. A name with an educational significance or inspiration should be chosen. The committee also feels that it is appropriate to name schools for physical locations; geographical areas: distinguished local, state and national leaders whose names will lend dignity and stature to the school; or significant or pertinent events.

The superintendent will prepare for the approval of the School Committee, a procedure to follow in recommending names for school buildings to the school committee. This procedure should include measures to ensure a prompt decision process. Whenever possible, the wishes of the community, including parents and students, should be included in naming new facilities. At all times, the final selection of a name will be subject to School Committee approval.

Moreover, the Committee hereby retains the right to rename a school, or part of, at any time in the future if the name is deemed by the committee to be inconsistent with the educational mission or otherwise disruptive to the learning environment.

The committee further reserves the right to approve names of individual rooms, fields, and as to design, wording, and placement, or reject, proposals for erecting memorials in the form of plaques or monuments in school buildings or on their sites. The Superintendent of Schools shall establish administrative procedures for appropriate dedication ceremonies that may be celebrated following completion or occupancy of a new school project.