

NORTH PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT NAMING SCHOOL FACILITIES POLICY	Approved: 02/15/2023

I. Introduction and Purpose

The North Providence School Committee believes that naming school facilities, such as buildings, athletic fields, libraries, auditorium, special purpose rooms, areas within school buildings, school grounds, and programs is a matter of great importance and deserves careful consideration.

It is the responsibility of the School Committee to determine the name of schools, school facilities and grounds. The School Committee may solicit and accept input from the public regarding the names of schools and school facilities but reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the name of any school or school facility or program.

II. Selection of an Appropriate Name

The School Committee has the prerogative to name a school, facility, program, or site. The School Committee may name a school or school facility or program upon a determination, in its sole discretion, that it is appropriate to do so.

The School Committee may consider naming a facility or program after a distinguished person, living or deceased, who has made an outstanding contribution to North Providence, the community, county, state, or nation. In addition to societal contributions, the moral character of the individual may be considered.

The School Committee will give preference to those individuals who have made significant contributions to education and to the North Providence community and whose record of service is such as to inspire pride and inspiration to those using the facility involved.

If the proposed name is that of an individual still living, the Superintendent shall obtain approval of the individual.

Historical events, geographical points, or other instances suitable for public properties may also be considered.

Specific guidelines to be followed in submitting nominations for naming of school properties are as follows:

- a) Any School Committee member, may, at a school committee meeting, make a motion to name any school facility or part thereof or program. Upon acceptance of the motion by majority vote, the***

Chair shall either appoint a Naming Committee or direct the Superintendent to consider and submit a name for the School Committee's consideration.

- b) Nominations for names may be submitted to the Superintendent by any interested party or group or the administration;***
- c) Individuals nominated must have rendered exemplary and extraordinary service to North Providence or the community;***
- d) The Superintendent or the Naming Committee will forward the nominations to the School Committee with a recommendation; and***
- e) The School Committee shall consider the recommendation and accept or deny approval of the name.***

III. Renaming a Facility or Program

The School Committee has the prerogative to rename a school, facility, program, or site. The School Committee may re-name a school or school facility or program upon a determination, in its sole discretion, that it is appropriate to do so.

When renaming a school, facility, program or site, North Providence shall follow the above process.

IV. Selection of an Appropriate Area or Program

Any North Providence building, facility (including classrooms), areas within school buildings, school grounds, or program may be considered.

The use of plaques, memorial gardens, benches and the like are favored for this purpose. The School Committee's approval is required prior to the naming of any school property or the placement of plaques or construction of monuments or edifices on school property.

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