

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

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Title: Naming of School
District Properties

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NAMING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES

Purpose

The Board of Education (“**Board**”) recognizes **that school names are important aspects of welcoming learning environments and are a reflection of the collective values of the school, its community, and the desire of students, graduates, staff, parents, and community to honor distinguished citizens by naming School District of Philadelphia (“District”) properties in their memory. This** ~~The purpose of this Policy is to~~ **provides a process and guidelines for naming or renaming District properties, portions of properties, and educational programs with these goals in mind such action.**

Authority

The Pennsylvania Public School Code permits the Board to adopt and enforce such reasonable rules and regulations as it may deem necessary and proper, regarding the naming or renaming of its properties, portions of properties, and educational programs.[1]

Delegation of Responsibility

The Board directs the Superintendent or their designee, through the Deputy Superintendent of Academic Services, to maintain Administrative Procedures that provide guidelines and criteria for naming or renaming District properties, portion of properties, and educational programs that includes a formal process for obtaining and implementing school community input.

The District shall not use any name or phrase in connection with District properties without complying with law. **All school names must align with the mission, vision and equity commitments of the District and consider the diverse community the school serves.**

Guidelines

~~Buildings~~

- ~~1. No building shall be named for a living person.~~
- ~~2. The Superintendent shall review all requests for the naming or renaming of a school building and make recommendations to the Board of Education "School Naming" Committee.~~
- ~~3. These recommendations shall be supported by evidence of effort to 1) inform students, staff, parents, graduates and community of the property involved and 2) obtain their opinion of the desirability of the recommendation.~~
- ~~4. The Committee shall review the recommendations of the Superintendent and make its selection known to the Board of Education for final decision.~~

~~Portions of Buildings~~

- ~~1. The Honoree may be living.~~
- ~~2. Requests for naming or renaming such facilities as classrooms, libraries, laboratories, auditoriums, and gymnasiums shall have the endorsement of the Principal who shall present evidence of such factors as the honoree's contribution to education, exemplary character, and the effect of the naming upon school and community.~~
- ~~3. The Principal shall submit the request with appropriate rationale to the Regional Superintendent who, if in agreement, shall submit the request to the Superintendent.~~
- ~~4. The Superintendent, if in agreement with the request of the Regional Superintendent, shall submit a resolution to the Board of Education for final approval.~~

Legal References:

- ~~1. Board of Education By-laws Handbook 1906-07 P. 154~~
- 1. 24 P.S. § 5-510.**