



To: Members of the Board of Education
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Re: Policy Reading
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Policy and Legal Services will present two First Readings during the next Board of Education meeting. A description of the policies under consideration is provided below.

Article VIII.A.27. Naming of School and District Buildings, Campus Venues, and Mascots

This new version of Article VIII.A.27 revises an outdated policy and puts into writing a longstanding district practice. The new policy contemplates the process of naming or renaming buildings, campus venues, and school mascots where the former policy only addressed naming campus venues. This updated version defines process only. The Board retains authority to name buildings and delegates to school communities some authority for naming campus venues and selecting school mascots.

Article II.L. Implementation of Standards and Objectives

The modification of this policy was necessitated by a change in USBE Rule R277-708 and subsequent changes to the Enhancement for At-Risk Students (EARS) funding application. The purpose of the rule and the application is to apply a funding formula to help fund interventions for students at risk for academic failure. As such, the application requires the LEA to describe a board approved definition of “at risk of academic failure.” The Board recently adopted Article II.L., which outlines the District’s expectation for instructional best practices and assessments for improving academic outcomes. Thus, it makes sense to include as part of the statement of purpose the meaning of, and a statement of support for, students at risk of academic failure.

Article VIII.A.27. Naming of School and District Buildings, Campus Venues, and Mascots

A. Purpose

The naming of schools and District buildings; campus venues such as rooms, distinct areas, features, or portions of facilities; and school mascots allow school communities to create and foster identity in honor of notable figures and individuals who have made significant contributions.

B. Procedures for Naming School and District Buildings

1. Naming school or district buildings or renaming a current school or district building is exclusively within the purview of the Board of Education of Granite School District (Board).
2. The District may initiate a naming committee led by the associated School Leadership and Improvement Director and composed of the principal, the District Community Outreach Director, school community council or school level community members within the anticipated boundaries, and other appropriate community leaders as designated by the District.
 - a. The committee identifies a broad list of potential names of the school that may include geographical features, historical figures, and educational leaders. The committee should avoid names of living people.
 - b. The committee narrows their search down to five names for a community wide survey. This survey should be used to garner feedback from the broader community as opposed to a vote. The community feedback process should include but not be limited to contacting families within the school network, staff members, other key stakeholders within the school community.
3. The Board shall consider the feedback described and shall choose and adopt the name of the school or district building at its sole discretion.

C. Procedures for Naming Campus Venues or School Mascots

1. A proposal to name a campus venue may be initiated in writing to the Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership and Improvement by school administrators, the Granite Education Foundation, community organizations, governmental entities, or other stakeholders in a school community. The proposal shall include a description of the rationale for the change.
2. The Assistant Superintendent of School Leadership and Improvement shall seek feedback from school principals, school community councils, and other relevant stakeholders regarding the merits of a proposal.
3. Following consideration, investigation, and evaluation of the merits, a final proposal shall be submitted to the Superintendent for approval.

4. A proposal for naming or changing a school mascot shall follow the same procedure as naming a campus venue.

D. Implementation

Upon receiving approval from the Board or the Superintendent (whichever is appropriate), the principal shall coordinate with the Support Services Division and the Communications Department to effectuate the new name or designation.

Article VIII.A.27. Naming of Campus Venues

A. Purpose

~~Campus buildings, rooms, areas, features or facilities may be memorialized or named in honor of a person who has made a significant contribution to a school through exceptional service, community contribution, or financial assistance or to recognize a contribution to the Granite Education Foundation Endowment Fund.~~

B. Procedures

- ~~1. A proposal to name a campus venue in honor of a person may be initiated in writing to the principal of a school by the Granite Education Foundation, community organizations, governmental entities, or others in a school community.~~
- ~~2. The proposal shall include a biographical summary of the person proposed to be honored, including the contributions of the person to the community.~~
- ~~3. The principal shall take written proposals to the School Community Council.~~
- ~~4. Following consideration, investigation and evaluation of the merit of the proposal, the School Community Council shall vote to approve or disapprove the proposal.~~

C. Implementation

~~Upon receiving notice of School Community Council approval of a proposal, the principal shall take those actions necessary to establish the newly designated name.~~