

# NAMING OF SCHOOLS AND FACILITIES

## Background

The name of a school can enhance the sense of ownership and identification that the community has with its school.

It shall be the general practice to name school sites and facilities for geographical or historical names. This practice shall apply when naming or renaming District sites, schools or specific facilities or parts (gymnasiums, hall, theatre, band room, etc.) of schools or facilities.

## Procedures

1. Proposed names of schools brought forward by communities and other interested parties shall be geographical or historical names, which identify the area served by a particular school.
2. Exceptions may be considered in writing by the Superintendent if:
  - 2.1. A geographical or historical name for the school conflicts or is confused with other existing school names in the same geographical area.
  - 2.2. A school name, other than a geographical or historical name, is recommended by a majority of the residents of the attendance area of the school or the community at large.
3. The Superintendent will receive, consider, and make a recommended shortlist to the Board regarding the naming of new school facilities or the renaming of existing schools or sections of schools.
  - 3.1. The shortlist with back-up information (biography, if the name is a person or historical data if it is named after an area) is then presented to the Board for consideration and final decision.

Reference: Sections 22, 65, 85 School Act

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