

NAMING DISTRICT FACILITIES

The Acton Boxborough Regional School Committee believes naming or renaming a school building, structure, space, property, program or other District asset (hereafter referred to as a “Facility”) is a matter of significant importance, one that deserves the most thoughtful attention of the School Committee and the Administration, and one that is an unusual occurrence or event. Further, the Committee believes it should not be influenced in its decision by personal prejudice, favoritism, political pressure or temporary popularity.

Any request to name a Facility must be brought before the School Committee for approval.

If a suggestion or petition to name or to dedicate a Facility, is brought forth to the School Committee, the School Committee will first decide whether the naming or renaming of that Facility is necessary and/or appropriate. If the decision to move forward with the naming is made, the School Committee will convene a screening committee pursuant to procedure FF-R.

In the naming of a Facility, if the name of a person is to be used, the following criteria will be applied in the selection of a person(s) to be so honored.

1. A person, living or dead, for whom a public school facility may be named must have made significant contributions to education of the youth of the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools. Evidence of such contributions may include, but is not limited to the following:
 - Unusually effective and dedicated service to or on behalf of the youth in the Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools
 - Persistent efforts to sustain a high quality system of public education for all youth and to improve programs and services for these young people
 - Demonstrated understanding of the essential nature of public education in the furthering of our democratic form of government.
2. Said person should be one who is retired, deceased or has provided service to the community in excess of 15 years. A request may not be submitted sooner than three years following the death or retirement of the individual to be so honored. This requirement may be waived by a unanimous vote of the School Committee.
3. The nominee must otherwise be worthy of the honor of having a school facility named for her/him. Evidence of such attributes could include, but may not be limited to the following:
 - Superior levels of performance in strengthening and supporting Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools
 - Community service
 - Effective citizenship

- Seminal ideas or research
- Excellent character and general reputation

4. The School Committee may revoke the name of a Facility.

The Superintendent shall prepare procedures for the naming of Facilities that are consistent with this policy.

Cross-REF: FFA Memorials

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