

Dedication of Buildings and Facilities and Grounds

The School Committee has sole authority over the naming or re-naming of buildings, interior facilities and grounds of the Belmont Public Schools. The SC recognizes that the names of school facilities must be undertaken with care and scrutiny.

This policy is intended to ensure that names and/or other wording associated with school facilities will promote and/or be consistent with the goals of the Belmont Public Schools and is based upon the belief that it is important the students and the public know of the many contributions of civic, business, and other leaders in Belmont and beyond, and that this knowledge will further educational goals within the school system.

The naming process must be inclusive of staff, students, families, and community. When naming a school facility, preference is to be given to those persons or organizations who, and events which, had a substantial impact upon the education of Belmont's students or persons or events that reflect the increasing diversity of Belmont's student population. This guidance shall not preclude consideration of names of persons of local, state, and national or international significance. Names of persons employed by the school or town at the time of the dedication shall not be considered.

A written explanation outlining the specific reasons why a building, interior facility, or grounds should be dedicated to a particular individual should be submitted to the chair of the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools, who will meet with the individual or individuals making the request and following that discussion place the request on the School Committee agenda. The process must be open and allow for a reasonable timeframe for consideration for considering options.

Naming rights are considered to be in effect for the duration of the effective and typical useful life of the building, interior facility, or grounds. If necessary, the School Committee reserves the right to remove a name at any time if it is in the best interest of the district or donor to do so, or to protect the reputation of the district and/or the donor.