

## **SD 42 POLICY: 6600**

### **NAMING OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

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#### **PHILOSOPHY**

The Board of Education ("Board") believes that school district facilities should be named in reference to historical, geographical or operational characteristics. Consideration will be given to names that will have significant meaning to students, First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and other community members.

#### **AUTHORITY**

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of this policy to the Superintendent and authorizes the Superintendent to establish procedures that will guide the implementation of this policy.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Except where otherwise determined by the Board, new schools or district facilities will be named in reference to historical, geographical or operational characteristics.

The naming or re-naming of school district facilities should involve a broad-based constituency consultation and should consider local First Nations, Métis, and Inuit perspectives.

The process of naming a new building will begin as soon as possible after the school site has been purchased and where construction is scheduled in the Board's current capital plan.

During the consultation process, the Board will ensure the following are considered:

- Geographical features of the site that contribute to a sense of identity and connection with the local environment such as the name of a prominent natural feature, historical landmark, or relevant geographical aspect.
- Indigenous context and history of the region, with respectful engagement with local Indigenous Elders or other Indigenous representatives.
- Community input gathered through surveys, public forums, or other inclusive methods to ensure a diverse range of perspectives.

When an existing facility undergoes a major change of use, the Board may consider a name change for the facility.

An effort will be made to avoid confusion that may be caused by having schools with similar names.

Naming opportunities when individuals, businesses, organizations, and others provide a contribution in exchange for naming recognition associated with a school district owned asset are subject to the Naming Privileges Policy of the Province of British Columbia.

In all cases, the final decision on naming a school district facility will be made by the Board.

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