

HONORING INDIVIDUALS WITHIN SCHOOL FACILITIES

The Hull School Committee chooses to recognize and honor certain individuals who have promoted excellence in education and contributed to the educational experience in the town of Hull. In selecting such individuals, favoritism, political office, political influence or temporary popularity shall play no role. A certain sensitivity and common sense must be reflected in the timing of any public recognition, since historical preservation and respect for our traditions are a key component in honoring our past.

Individuals Honored Through 2008: It is the policy of the School Committee that the names of existing structures, rooms, fields, items or areas in Hull schools dedicated to honor individuals prior to 2009 will not be changed. When a school building is replaced or extensively renovated, the then sitting School Committee is encouraged to carry over the names of these dedicated areas to preserve the history of the school. If the School Committee elects not to do so, the individuals previously honored shall be recognized by the placement of plaques in the new facility in areas designated by the Committee.

Individuals Honored From 2009 Forward: It is the policy of the School Committee that an individual chosen for recognition from 2009 forward shall be honored by the placement of a plaque in a designated area of a school selected by the Committee, a change from the pre-2009 policy of dedicating school areas in an individual's name. Each plaque shall briefly describe the contribution made by the honoree. Although trees may be donated, no plaques of any size are permitted on or in proximity to any such tree.

The Memorial School shall be used exclusively to honor veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Veterans Honored From 2009 Forward: It is the policy of the School Committee that a veteran chosen for recognition from 2009 forward shall be honored by the placement of a plaque in a designated area of a school selected by the Committee. Each plaque shall briefly describe the contribution made by the honoree, as well as the branch of the military and years of service. Except for good cause, all requests to locate the plaque of any veteran so honored at the Memorial School shall be granted.

An honoree, family member or veteran's organization may, at any time, petition the School Committee to discontinue an area at another school dedicated prior to 2009 and to install a new plaque honoring that veteran at the Memorial School. The Committee shall act expeditiously upon any such request.

Procedure: At the request of the Superintendent or any individual School Committee member the Chairperson shall place a proposal to honor an individual on the agenda of a regular School Committee meeting for discussion and a vote to send a written request for an advisory opinion to the Committee Honoring Individuals at Public Schools.

The Chairperson shall not place any such proposal before the Committee for a final vote until the Committee has received the requested advisory opinion with sufficient biographical information on the nominee, including contributions made to education and the schools in the town of Hull.

Within forty-five (45) school days following receipt of the advisory opinion, the Chairperson will place the proposal on the agenda for discussion and a final vote. If the School Committee

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approves the formal honoring of the nominated individual, this will be followed as soon as possible by a formal dedication ceremony. The ceremony should encompass a presentation of an official proclamation and the placement of an appropriate plaque to commemorate the individual's contribution to the Hull Public Schools.

Public Record: A list of school areas and spaces dedicated prior to 2009 is attached as Exhibit A. As new individuals are honored, their names shall be added the list, which shall remain an Exhibit to this policy statement. This list shall also be made available to the public on the School Committee's website.

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