

# Naming Policy

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### **RATIONALE**

From time to time the Board will need to name a new school or will consider renaming an existing school. The Board may consider naming part of a school building or property in memory of a person. This policy outlines criteria the Board will consider in the process of naming all or part of a building or property.

### **POLICY**

The following criteria will be considered by the Board in making the naming decision:

1. Input will be received through reasonable consultation with members of the school community, including student and parent representatives, staff members of the school, and members of the local community.
2. A school, or part of a school, will not normally be named for a living person.
3. Existing schools will not normally be renamed.
4. The name of a school will normally be based on the geographic or community context of the school.
5. A school, or part of a school (e.g., library, gymnasium, field, theatre), may be named in memory of a person in recognition of distinguished service to that school, or if the Board recognizes a compelling, historically significant reason to do so. If a name is being considered, consultation with members of that person's family, if possible, should be undertaken.

### **Related Policies and Regulations:**

**Province of British Columbia *Naming Privileges Policy***