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FA - FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

GOALS/PRIORITY OBJECTIVES

As the Board seeks to strengthen and improve school facilities it will strive to provide new and remodeled facilities that will offer the best possible physical environment for learning and teaching.

The Board aims specifically toward:

- I. New buildings and renovations that will accommodate and facilitate those new organizational and instructional patterns that support the school system's educational philosophy and instructional goals;
- II. Meeting current safety and building code requirements through the remodeling of older structures;
- III. Providing such building renovations as needed to ensure accessibility for all students, staff, and community members with disabilities; and
- IV. Building design and construction that will result in reduced maintenance costs and the conservation of energy. These factors will continue to receive special consideration in all renovation projects.

It is the Board's goal to provide the appropriate facilities needed for the number of students in the district and to best support and accommodate the educational program. To support this a five-year district facilities plan will be maintained and updated annually to inform decision making regarding facility needs and actions.

Decisions pertaining to the educational specifications of new buildings and those undergoing extensive remodeling will be developed only after the viewpoints of administrators, teachers, students, parents and community members have been considered.

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- March 10, 1992
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FF - NAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Cape Elizabeth School Department facilities are a source of pride for our community. They are a tangible reflection of the commitment of the citizenry to the education of our children. Therefore, the School Board may choose to name all facilities or portions thereof only after careful consideration of the message being sent to the community by the names selected. No school, facility or any part of a school, facility or other school property shall be named or renamed without formal School Board approval.

The School Board shall appoint a committee made up of the Superintendent, two School Board members, a building administrator, a teacher, a parent, and a community member to review the request for naming. The requesting party shall not be a member of the committee. The committee will study the naming proposal and make a recommendation to the School Board.

The Board shall not name, re-name, or change the name of any existing school facility, or part of a facility, for any individual, couple, or family whether living or deceased, unless there is an affirmative vote of the School Board. The School Board reserves the right to decline to accept any donation conditioned on a naming right unacceptable to the school department. Facilities will not be named for persons who are currently employed by the school department or active in its operations or those who currently hold any public office.

The Board shall make every effort to respect the preference of the committee; however, final decisions on the naming of a school facility, or part of a facility, shall rest entirely with the School Board and, as applicable, Town Council.

Cross Reference:

- [FFAA-Memorial Scholarships and Gifts](#)
- [Town of Cape Elizabeth Naming of Facilities Policy](#)

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FFAA - MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GIFTS

With the permission of the Superintendent, memorial scholarships created in the memory of an individual with a connection to the school may be created to be awarded at school activities. All offers of such scholarship opportunities will be submitted to the Superintendent with pertinent information concerning the purpose of the memorial scholarship, the criteria for its award, the connection between the person memorialized and the Cape Elizabeth schools, and the expected level of involvement of school officials and employees in collecting applications for, administering and identifying recipients of such scholarships. Displays in the school building(s) related to memorial scholarships will be limited to a plaque with the name of the scholarship and the names of the recipients.

Items may be accepted by the School Board in memory of an individual or event for installation and display outside of the school building. The Board will consider any maintenance costs to the district of such gifts. Items received become the property of the district and will be used for the purpose for which they were donated. District property (e.g. buildings, rooms, fields, gymnasiums, etc.) may be named or renamed to memorialize an individual only with the approval of the Board. In order to avoid unintentionally offending sensitivities, living memorials, such as planted trees, which are subject to natural decay and disease, will be strongly discouraged in favor of memorial benches and other forms of inanimate gifts.

Cross Reference:

- [FF - Naming of School Facilities](#)

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