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I notice that one of the action items on tonight's agenda is the naming of the fields at Hamlin. Having served on the district building committee where we recommended the closure of Camp Creek Elementary and the conversion of Springfield Middle School, I understand the importance of respectfully receiving community input.

When passing by something that is "named," it's important that the name has strong meaning and stirs nostalgic memories, reminding the people of Springfield that we are a community that remembers and honors its own. No one has done more for our community and our district than Bill Medford.

According to Board policy, in order to name the new fields at Hamlin Middle School, the board will assemble a naming committee. I would like to apply to be a member of that committee. My 31 years of teaching and coaching in the district would offer much needed historical perspective.

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Springfield School Board -

I worked in the Springfield School District for 30 years and our two daughters graduated from Thurston High School in 1997 and 2001. My wife and I continue to live in the District and have been strong supporters of the Springfield Education Foundation.

In looking at Action Items under the Agenda for tonight's Board Meeting, I see there will be discussion regarding "Naming Hamlin Baseball Stadium and Artificial Turf Field." I am unsure of the process or Board policy re the naming of schools and facilities in the District, but I'm fairly certain the process would involve community input, if not the formation of a committee comprised of District and community members. I would certainly be interested in serving on such a committee.

I recall the former site of the current new stadium was named for John Young, a long time Springfield High School teacher and baseball coach. I would like to suggest honoring the legacy of Bill Medford in naming these new facilities. Bill was a Springfield High graduate and served on the School Board for 18 years. A pillar in this community, Bill was an ardent supporter of the Springfield School District and its athletic programs, especially baseball. Bill Medford's positive impact on the Springfield School District and the city of Springfield can't be overstated.

Please consider honoring Bill Medford in the naming of these new facilities.

Thank you for considering my input.

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