



# **NORTHWEST ISD**

## **Facility Naming Recommendations**

October 21, 2024

# SCHOOL NAMING | POLICY

All school buildings and other District facilities shall be named according to one of the following documented categories:

1. In memory of a **person who has served the District or community**, especially in service to children;
2. In memory of **any person who has made a significant contribution to society and/or education** and his or her name shall lend prestige and status to an institution of learning;
3. A **local residential or geographic area**; or
4. A **District property donor** or his or her family members.

Persons to be so honored by the naming of school buildings and/or facilities shall not be considered while living.



# SCHOOL NAMING | COMMITTEE PREFERENCE

The naming committee decided to focus primarily on the first criterion for a school or facility name:

In memory of a person who has served the District or community, especially in service to children;

We particularly focused on those whose contributions related to education, as we believed we should honor educators who have left a mark in Northwest ISD.

Most importantly, our goal is to honor the **history of Northwest ISD**, especially the **history of supporting children**.



# **NEW SCHOOLS** | UPCOMING FACILITIES

The committee chose name recommendations for the following upcoming facilities:

- Elementary School in Madero Development
- Middle School near Pecan Square in Northlake
- Former Pike Middle School Gym in NISD Central Complex

Additionally, the committee chose multiple individuals for recognition on the **Legacy Wall**.



# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL #24



*Rendering of current NISD elementary prototype.*

# **RECOMMENDATION: DR. LEIGH ANNE ROMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Dr. Romer served as the longtime principal of J.C. Thompson Elementary in neighboring Sendera Ranch. She was known for establishing a strong school culture where every child felt valued and appreciated.



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Dr. Romer had a profound impact on children's lives, and she was an exemplary mentor to fellow educators. She dedicated her career to foster growth and development in young minds while also guiding and inspiring other educators to reach their full potential. She made a significant impact to generations to come.

– **Tabitha Reuman, J.C. Thompson staff member**

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL #8



*Rendering of Middle School #8.*



# **RECOMMENDATION: FLOYD BARKSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Mr. Barksdale, an NHS alumnus, served on the NISD school board and was actively involved in school events. He served as the announcer at district football games and was heavily involved in organizing youth sporting leagues.



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Floyd was passionate about providing opportunities for children to develop their talents, character and self-confidence. He influenced countless youngsters through his commitment to their development, both on and off the field. Today, he is remembered as a caring mentor.

**– Jeff Barksdale, nephew and NHS teacher**

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# FORMER PIKE COMPETITION GYM



*Rendering of new interior paint scheme of former Pike gym.*

# **RECOMMENDATION: DENNIS McCREARY MULTIPURPOSE FACILITY**

Mr. McCreary led Northwest ISD's facilities department, and the repurposed former Pike gym will serve facility needs in several ways. Mr. McCreary is remembered as a visionary leader who jump started NISD's growth strategies.



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Dennis McCreary worked tirelessly to improve the district and make sure that every school he touched or was involved with was the best environment for the learning and growth of every child and adult who walked through the doors. He was a man of faith and dedication.

**– Taylor Hagler, Pike teacher**

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# LEGACY WALL | PURPOSE

The Legacy Learning Center's Legacy Wall is part of the facility's goal to **honor the legacy of our school district**. Those whose names are selected must be former educators, alumni or community members who have **left a positive, lasting mark on students in Northwest ISD**.



# LEGACY WALL | REGULATION

For consideration of recognition on the Legacy Learning Center's Legacy Wall, nominated individuals are required to no longer be living and **meet all the following criteria:**

- Lived within Northwest ISD boundaries at some point during their lifetime;
- Affiliated with the district as a teacher, staff member, graduate or community member;
- Left a positive impact on students in Northwest ISD; and
- Aligned with the values set forth in Northwest ISD's mission, vision and beliefs.





# RECOMMENDATION: **LEGACY WALL CLASS OF 2024**

The committee recommended the following individuals be enshrined in the Legacy Wall's Class of 2024:

- **Dr. David Hicks**, former Northwest ISD superintendent
- **Nathan Gage Ingram**, former K-12 Northwest ISD student and U.S. Navy SEAL
- **Don Laird**, former NISD student and community leader
- **Shay McDonald**, former Granger Elementary School teacher
- **Bear Nelson**, former Northwest High School teacher





**THANK YOU!**

Questions?