

Community Relations

SUBJECT: PERMANENT RECOGNITION AND NAMING OF SCHOOL FACILITIESPermanent Recognition of Alumni and Associates of Gouverneur CSD

The Board of Education recognizes the importance and benefit of publicly recognizing the outstanding performance and contributions of people associated with the Gouverneur Central School District. This recognition will be promoted through the Gouverneur Central School “Wildcat Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame” and “Athletic Wall of Fame”.

The Wildcat Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame recipients include, but are not limited to, the Rising Wildcat Award for a graduate within the last 15 years who is advancing in their career or field of study; the Professional Achievement Award for a graduate who demonstrates 15 or more years of success in professional life and leadership within his/her profession; and the Gouverneur Wildcat Award for a graduate who demonstrates dedication to service on a local, state or national level. The Athletic Wall of Fame recognizes former athletes, coaches/administrators, teams, and individuals who have made a significant contribution to the GCS athletic program.

Nomination forms shall be posted on the district website and made available by request. The Superintendent of Schools will oversee the selection committee for the Wildcat Distinguished Alumni, and the Athletic Director will oversee the selection committee for the Athletic Wall of Fame. The committees may include representatives from the Board of Education, current bargaining units, student body, and the local community.

Following approval, the Board reserves the right to hold a public dedication of plaques or other form of public recognition. Sufficient notice to the community regarding the date and time of such dedication will be made. The recognition plaques may be purchased with District funds authorized by the Board or through funds received by the District from student, community or parent groups or individuals. If the honoree is deceased, there will be a waiting period of at least one year from the date of death prior to recognition.

Unless there is compelling reason to do otherwise, all items of recognition shall be installed in an area designated for this purpose.

Employee Recognition

The District’s Shared Decision-Making Team will accept nominations for GCSD staff members who “Make a Difference” and go above and beyond to achieve the district vision of “Delivering the Promise of a Brighter Future for Our Students and Our Community.” Three times each school year, the Shared Decision-Making Team will select the recipients who will be formally recognized at a Board of Education meeting and again at the following district opening day staff assembly. Nominating forms will be available on the website and from members of the Shared Decision-Making Team.

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(CONT.)**Memorials

A Building Principal may receive items for his or her school as a memorial to a student or person having a special significance to the students of that school. Items received as memorials become the property of the school district. Building Principals shall have the responsibility to have these items displayed in an appropriate place for a minimum period of 15 years, at which time an attempt will be made to return the item to the family, if possible. Principals must have the approval of the Board to accept any item that may require additional maintenance cost to the school district.

Administration will make the final determination about the materials, design, and wording of all forms of recognition and will ensure that items are crafted so they are as maintenance free as possible, of high quality, and consistent in style, material and workmanship so as to be suitable for the intended location.

Naming of School Facilities

As a matter of general policy, the Board will not entertain requests to name existing or new facilities after individuals or organizations.

No corporate donors shall be able to purchase naming rights to any district school or facility.

NOTE: Refer also to Policy # 5230-- Acceptance of Gifts, Grants and Bequests to the School District

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