

**DATE:** October 24, 2017

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Cheryl Johner

**SUBJECT:** Motion re: New Board Policy for the Renaming of Schools

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook – Section 5.2.2 – Notices of Motion](#)  
[EA.BP - Infrastructure Planning Principles](#)  
[EF.AR – Naming of Schools](#)  
[EFA.AR – Public Recognition and Naming of Physical Spaces or Education Programs](#)

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#### **ISSUE**

Notice of motion was served at the September 12, 2017, Board meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

An inclusive and collaborative process is required. The discussion around the renaming of schools is aimed at creating awareness around our history. History should be preserved and mistakes of the past should not be forgotten. It's important to recognize history, understand it and move forward to a better tomorrow together. However, sometimes past decisions need to be amended when we have better understandings of our world and society.

The District requires a renaming process broad enough to encompass other situations where renaming a school may be considered. For example, if multiple schools are consolidated into one existing school, families and community may wish to rename the school in recognition of a new beginning.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Board of Trustees research and create a policy setting out the conditions under which a school would be renamed and the process for doing so.**

#### **NEXT STEPS**

The development of a new Board policy regarding the renaming of schools be delegated to the Board Policy Review Committee and presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

CJ:sj