

Denton ISD
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NEW FACILITIES

CW
(EXHIBIT)

Denton Independent School District
1307 N. Locust St., Denton, TX 76201

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PROPOSED NAME FOR FACILITY

In accordance with policy CW(LOCAL), the Board has invited written nominations for the naming of a District facility. A period of 45 days will be given for the nominations.

Date of Call for Names: ^{Dec. 2013} ~~Jan. 2014~~ Facility to be Named: High School, Middle School, Elementary Schools
Expected Date of Board Action: FEB. 2014 OR LATER

The following provisions will govern the naming or renaming of school facilities:

- Facilities will generally be named for deceased persons who have made a significant contribution to society as may be deemed appropriate by the Board, streets or geographic areas within the District, or historical sites.

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I. BUILDING AND/OR LOCATION PROPOSED FOR NAMING OR RENAMING

I propose that the new high school, middle school & elementary schools
(designation of building and/or location)
Denton ISD
(address)

II. PROPOSED NAME

be named for: GEORGE HOPKINS

Check all that apply:

- Deceased DISD staff member Historical Name
 Geographic Name Other

**III. COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT (with work history if DISD employee) or INFORMATIONAL REPORT if historic or geographic name:
(Attach extra sheets if needed.)**

See Attached REPORT.

(Substitute for DentonISD, New Facilities, Proposed Name for Facility

III. COMPREHENSIVE BIOGRAPHICAL REPORT OR INFORMATIONAL REPORT if historic or geographic name:

GEORGE HOPKINS is still living and is 89 years old, a retired and well-respected citizen and attorney, who has lived in Denton his entire life, as did his father, also an attorney. George attended school in Denton, graduated from Denton High School in 1942, attended University of Texas at Austin and earned his JD (Law Degree) there in 1948. He returned to Denton, practiced law here after serving as Assistant County Attorney for several years.

George gave many years to volunteer organizations in Denton, but his seven years he served on the Denton ISD board were notable in that he came to the Board just prior to the retirement of long-time superintendent Chester A. Strickland and was immediately placed on the search committee for a new superintendent.

The years of his service on the Board were pivotal and changing years for the Denton school district. It was during his tenure that all schools in Denton ISD were integrated. Much thought and work with all the schools went into this process and Denton achieved the integration of all schools without many of the problems that occurred in other school districts. The Board undertook this action with a positive attitude that Denton ISD would indeed succeed.

After Chester Strickland's retirement, George served with two more superintendents, James Benjamin and Robert McGee.

One of George Hopkins greatest strengths in his law practice and in his service to this Board was his ability to mediate and bring together to a satisfactory conclusion several opposing sides. He is a reasonable and believable man.

George practiced law from 1948 until his retirement in 1996. Throughout his active years, he received the following honors: the Otis Fowler Award in 2000, which honored him as an outstanding attorney, School Board Trustee and School Board Past President and Texas Bar Foundation Life Fellow. He also served as Legal Counsel to Denton County Electric Coop and a local bank. Denton County Bar Association honored him for outstanding service to Denton, to his clients and to the Legal Profession.

After retirement he served for a number of years on the City of Denton Utility Board and also as Denton's representative to the TMPA Board, serving both of those groups as President several years. He has been an active member of Denton Rotary Club for over 60 years.

GEORGE HOPKINS has lived his life with integrity, concern for his fellow man and with a love of Denton.

IV. REASONS FOR NOMINATION

I believe the facility should be named for this (person) (place) (historical event) because:

George Hopkins represents all that is good in
our community. He served DISD well in his
years on the Board, both as Trustee and as
President

V. Name(s) of person(s) or supporting group(s) responsible for nomination:

Jane Hopkins (WIFE)

I can provide friends + supporters names
but I do not have their signatures on a document

Jane Hopkins
(signature)

January 29, 2014
(date)

1100 SOUTH MOUNT DR
(address)

* 940-300-3519 cell
(telephone number)

DENTON, TX 76205

This form must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to _____
(date)

* NOTE:

George Hopkins has no idea I have done this.
That is why I have been low key.