

NAMING FACILITIES

CW
(EXHIBIT)

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

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: 12-31-13_____ Facility to be Named: Elementary 22_____

Expected Date of Board Action: ? _____

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.

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

I propose that the Elementary #22 in Lantana _____
 (Designation of building and/or location)
 Hwy 407, Lantana, Texas _____
 (Address)

2. PROPOSED NAME

be named for: Robert M. Estes _____

Check all that apply:

- Deceased DISD staff member Historical Name
 Geographic Name Other

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

See Attached _____

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4. REASONS FOR NOMINATION

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

See Attached

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

Sara McBee

Sara McBee
(Signature)

12-28-13
(Date)

3605 Granada Tr, Denton, TX 76205
(Address)

940-391-1360
(Telephone number)

This form must be submitted to the Superintendent prior to 12-31-13
(Date)

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DISD Board of Education:

I am writing to nominate Bob Estes's name for the name of the new elementary school. I was fortunate to have taught under Mr. Estes at Frank Borman Elementary School for 26 years. I feel qualified to nominate his name.

As principal, academics were important to him, but it was also his goal for children to develop responsibility, independence, patriotism, good citizenship, character, and an appreciation for the fine arts. He began each school day with the pledges and patriotic songs led by students over the public address system..

"A master teacher"—that describes Robert Estes. It was Mr. Estes' philosophy that a well-rounded education did not end with the 3 R's. Through Bob's efforts, DISD had its own "arts magnet school". Bob planned special fine arts assemblies such as those provided by UNT and TWU. Assemblies showcased musicians from harpists and guitarists to opera companies and professional square dance callers. Students were taught theater arts, movement and dance. Once a Victoria, Texas school choir dropped by to sing for us because their director had heard so much about the talented students at Borman Elementary. Because of Bob Estes, we also had the good fortune to host the Texas Boys Choir in concert.

An organist, himself, Bob's leadership on the Denton Arts Council opened many doors for the children of Borman School. Through his efforts, we were adopted by Penders Music Co. and the Allen Organ Co. They provided our school with invaluable teaching materials and performances by professional musicians and dancers, and in 1988, the Allen Organ Co. presented the school with an organ, making Borman the only school in Denton to own its own organ. With this organ, Bob and the other organists on our faculty provided accompaniment for musical programs. In addition, Mr. Estes and these teachers actually taught organ lessons to individual students free of charge.

Further evidence of Mr. Estes' support for the arts could be seen in the school choir, the cloggers, and the Borman handbell choir which performed before various community organizations and schools throughout the years. Bob started the first handbell choir in Denton at Borman School. For many years it was the sole handbell choir in Denton, and Bob was its director. The Borman handbell choir had the honor of performing for the 1990 Texas Music Teachers' Association Convention in San Antonio, and in 1991 our handbell choir performed at the White House in Washington, DC at Christmastime.

Bob Estes was also a supporter of the visual arts and literary arts. Borman School participated in a number of exhibitions, both literary and visual, some from as far away as Washington, DC, Japan and South America. In addition, a yearly internship by a resident artist was a school tradition. One such artist was professional poet Charles Behlen who taught students creative writing.

Likewise, one should not overlook the contributions Mr. Estes made toward fine arts at the college level. He sponsors an organ scholarship at UNT, where, perhaps one day, the recipient of this scholarship will be a former Borman "musician".

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As principal, Robert Estes created a legacy of loving children. In the words of some of his students, he was not like other principals. He smiled and treated each of them as if they were special. Many students and teachers considered him to be the best principal they ever had..

It is my sincere hope that you will honor Robert Estes with this well-deserved award. His former teachers and students will applaud your decision. There could be no one more deserving than Bob Estes.