



Subject: Early Childhood Center Naming Process  
Date: April 15, 2025

Three years ago, as the new early childhood building neared completion, the Board of Education intentionally delayed naming it to prioritize a successful opening and readiness to serve the district's youngest learners.

Upon its opening in August 2022, the facility was referred to as the District 45 Early Childhood Center, with the understanding that the official naming would occur later with community involvement.

In January 2025, a naming committee was formed to engage the community in the naming process. The committee included board members, administrators, teachers, parents, and students.

- The committee collected 79 name submissions from the community, which resulted in 56 unique suggestions, including names honoring individuals, ideas, and historical figures.
- At its February 13 meeting, the committee reviewed all submissions and selected a shortlist of seven names to share with the community for feedback.
- Feedback indicated strong community support for retaining the name District 45 Early Childhood Center.

On March 18, the committee presented a summary report to the Board that included an overview of its work, community input, and a recommendation featuring three name options, with an emphasis on continued use of the current name.