

RESOLUTION
Resolution Relating to the Naming of a New School Facility

WHEREAS, Board Policy 810, Name Rights & Naming School Facilities, establishes the criteria and procedures for granting naming rights in relation to School District facilities;

WHEREAS, in 2023, the District purchased a building located at 424 W. 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802, which was previously owned by the Duluth News Tribune and therefore referred to as the “Duluth News Tribune Building”;

WHEREAS, the District has not yet named the new facility following its purchase;

WHEREAS, Board Policy 810 provides that when a new facility is acquired or constructed or a facility is named for the first time, the superintendent will appoint a committee consisting of community members, students and employees to recommend appropriate names for the new facility;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Policy 810, a committee was created to consider and recommend an appropriate name for the new facility;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Policy 810, naming rights may be by consideration – in which a contributor makes a financial contribution, sponsorship, or the provision of equipment, materials, land or services in return for naming rights;

WHEREAS, alternatively, naming rights may be by recognition – in which the naming rights are a recognition of outstanding service to the School District in an academic or administrative capacity, recognition of achievements of distinguished alumni, or recognition of generous financial or other contribution that was not rendered in consideration of granting of naming rights;

WHEREAS, the committee met and considered a number of proposed names for the new facility, and has recommended naming by recognition to the “Duluth Central Education Services and Ethel Ray Nance Cultural & Welcome Center”;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Policy 810, the Superintendent has followed the committee’s recommendation and recommends the School Board name the new facility “Duluth Central Education Services and Ethel Ray Nance Cultural & Welcome Center”; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has final authority to approve the naming of School District facilities in accordance with Board Policy 810.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 709, as follows:

1. The facility located at 424 W. 1st Street, Duluth, MN 55802, currently referred to as the Duluth News Tribune Building, is hereby named as follows:

Duluth Central Education Services and Ethel Ray Nance Cultural & Welcome Center

2. This name change shall be effective on July 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect unless changed according to Board Policy 810.
3. District staff are directed to take all steps necessary to implement this naming, including, but not limited to, procuring and installing appropriate signage, updating District records and materials to reflect the new name, and completing related administrative tasks. All expenditures and actions shall comply with applicable Minnesota law and District policies, including obtaining School Board approval where required.