



## Action Items

**Date:** June 8, 2026

**Division:** Board

**Subject:** Karen Reed Science Wing - Naming Item

### Background Information:

- The Board Facility Naming Committee composed of Allison Lassahn (Chair), Shelia Taylor and Staci Barker received a request regarding the potential naming of the science wing Arbor Creek Middle School.
- The science wing at Arbor Creek Middle School is currently unnamed. The committee received a request from campus principal Amy Obenhaus to name the science wing after former Arbor Creek Science teacher, Karen Reed.
- The Board Facility Naming Committee met on May 22, 2026, to discuss the recommendation. The Committee recommends moving forward with the recommendation from the campus.
- The following letter was submitted by Principal Obenhaus in support of naming the science wing after Karen Reed.

On behalf of Arbor Creek Middle School, I would like to formally request consideration to name our Science Wing in honor of Mrs. Karen Reed, a beloved former teacher and Science Department Chair who made an extraordinary impact on our campus and community from 2004 to 2024.

Mrs. Reed was not only an outstanding science educator but also a compassionate leader, mentor, and role model for both students and staff. She exemplified excellence in every aspect of her work—setting high standards for science education and inspiring those around her to pursue curiosity and discovery. Her classroom was a place of wonder, inclusion, and encouragement, where students felt seen, supported, and challenged to do their best.

Beyond her remarkable teaching, Mrs. Reed founded the ALS Club, through which she taught herself and her students American Sign Language. Her passion for accessibility and inclusion extended to building a partnership with students from Hebron High School, further strengthening the bond between campuses and communities.

Mrs. Reed courageously battled cancer and passed away in 2024. Despite her illness, she continued to demonstrate the same grace, strength, and dedication that defined her teaching career. Her legacy continues to live in the halls of Arbor Creek through the teachers she mentored, the programs she began, and the countless students whose lives she touched. Naming our Science Wing, The Karen Reed Science Wing,

would be a lasting tribute to her life, her service, and her profound impact on our school community. It would ensure that her spirit of kindness, excellence, and curiosity continues to inspire future generations of learners and educators.

**Administrative Consideration:**

- The campus will cover costs associated with signage for this change.

**Recommendations:**

- The Facility Naming Committee recommends naming the science wing at Arbor Creek Middle school, The Karen Reed Science Wing.

**Timeline/Report:**

- No future report needed