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AND SCHOOL DIVISION FACILITIES**

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The Board reserves the right to rescind the naming or renaming of any school or school division facility.

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