



**Madison Park Technical Vocational High
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To: John McDonough, Superintendent

Fr: Albert Holland, Interim Headmaster

Re: Naming Madison Park/O'Bryant Building 4 after Nelson Mandela

Date: April 15, 2015

Please be advised that a public hearing was held on April 7, 2015, regarding the naming of Building 4 at Madison Park. Madison Park and the John D. O'Bryant held the hearing in conjunction. After the hearing, a vote was taken at Madison Park's School Site Council affirming the naming of Building 4 to "The Nelson Mandela Physical Education Complex". The John D. O'Bryant's School Site Council met last night (April 14) and also voted to approve the naming of Building 4 after Nelson Mandela. Note that Madison Park also voted to rename of several classrooms after past Headmasters and a Community Leader to commemorate Madison Park's 40th Anniversary.

Please see the following actions listed below:

The naming of Building 4 after Nelson Mandela is part of a much broader and long-term effort led by Senator Jason Lewis of Winchester, who is a South African, and Representative Byron Rushing, who was instrumental in having Mr. Mandela visit in 1990. Senator Lewis and Representative Rushing are establishing a legislative commission to develop recommendations on how the Commonwealth commemorates both Mr. Mandela's visit to Boston and his legacy for justice, democracy, and liberation for all. The Commission will also include student representatives from both campuses. We are honored to be included in this process and know that students from both campuses will benefit from these efforts.

In commemoration of Madison Park's 40th Anniversary, Madison Park's School Site Council approved and voted to name Madison Park's library after the school's first Headmaster, Mr. Thomas P. Hennessey, who served from 1975 to 1984.

In addition, Cardinal Hall will be named after Charles E. McAfee, Madison Park's longest serving Headmaster, from 2001-2013. Lastly, Madison Park's new Digital Fabrication Laboratory will be named after Community Leader, Activist, and former State Representative, Melvin H. "Mel" King.

We hope to hold a major event on June 23, 2015 to announce the naming(s) and the creation of the Commission to commemorate Nelson Mandela's visit to Boston. We appreciate the support of the Superintendent and the School Committee as we seek their approval of the naming(s).

CC: Madison and O'Bryant School Site Councils

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