



# Complete Collection of Suggested Names

NAMING OF THE ELMWOOD SCHOOL REPLACEMENT BUILDING

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# Geographic/Natural World

# Acorn Elementary

# Brookside Elementary

Inspired by the serene brooks in the area  
symbolizing the flow of knowledge and ideas.

# Charles River Elementary

I enjoy the parallel that both the Marathon and the Charles River start their journey in Hopkinton and take different paths to Boston. Just like a child's education will take each child on a different adventure in life.

# Haylain Elementary

Since Elmwood was named for Elm St & Wood St, the children (room 101) combined Hayden Rowe & Chamberlain to get Haylain.

# Head of the Charles River School

Let's honor our geographical location as the actual head of the Charles River.

The wetlands area on the east side of Hayden Rowe around the schools go through a culvert into the backyard of 134 Hayden Rowe and proceed south.

Though the Charles River has many tributaries, this is the highest point in the river (plays nicely with "Hillers"), and it is the start of the river.

This is the only place that can be named the Head of the Charles River.

This name plays well with Marathon's motto of "It all starts here," as the river, like the Boston Marathon, starts here, too!

# Charlesview Elementary

The start of the Charles river is just across the street in the Charlesview neighborhood, making Charlesview Elementary a perfect name.

Just as the Marathon School was named for obvious reasons, the Charles River is also a prideful landmark to Hopkinton residents that is not often highlighted.



# Chestnut Elementary

# Crestwood Elementary

# Evergreen Elementary

# Forest Elementary

# Harmony Hills Elementary

Hayden Elementary

Hayden Rowe Elementary

# Headwaters Elementary

# Hillside Elementary



# Hilltop Elementary

# Honey Hill Elementary

# Nature's Nest Elementary

Soaring Elementary

Soaring Eagles Elementary

The Elmwood School children have long been  
Elmwood Eagles. This is a way to hold onto that.

# Tree City Elementary

# Whitehall Elementary

After our town's beautiful lake.

We are indeed fortunate to have many natural assets in Town. Lake Whitehall is among the top assets. Boating, fishing, or ice skating, the views from the lake are pretty much unmarred by residential development. Trails around its perimeter are enjoyed by many residents. The lake provides so much history from early carriage manufacturing to the mineral springs, Bear Hill cemetery, and its initial use as a reservoir for Boston. The architect floated an initial idea to play-up natural resources within and around the school. The lake, at least in my mind, would provide plentiful links.

# Woodland Grove Elementary

# Connections to Marathon



# Athens Elementary

It is the destination of the legendary first marathon runner, who ran from Marathon to Athens. This echoes what will happen here, as the kids will go from Marathon to the new school (Athens).

Classical Athens is "widely referred to as the cradle of Western Civilization", "birthplace of democracy", and "the zenith of literature, philosophy, and the arts" according to Wikipedia. I would consider this school (and Hopkinton in general) to be the zenith of learning for students, especially as they start to learn more about diverse subjects.

# Marathon Elementary

The two schools could have the same name.  
Perhaps we call them Marathon North and  
Marathon South?

# Relay Elementary School

“Take the next step”

It's the second leg of the students' public education in Hopkinton, the next step in the journey of who they're becoming. If it all starts at Marathon, it makes sense to me that wherever they go is the next step.

# Start Line Elementary

# People and Groups of People

# Aimee Graham Phipps

Miss Phipps (as she was known) was born in Hopkinton in 1891, graduated from Hopkinton High School in 1910, and Framingham Normal School in 1912. She was a teacher for 50 years, 45 of them in Hopkinton including the Hayden Rowe School & the Center School. She also served for a time as principal at Center School. She was the long-time president of the Hopkinton Alumni Association; very active in the Congregational Church; a member of the Hopkinton Library Board; founding member of the Hopkinton Public Health Association as well as the Hopkinton Historical Society. She died in 1980.

# E. Aubrey Doyle

Aubrey was a gifted student-athlete at Hopkinton High School after overcoming polio as a young child, earning several varsity letters as well as the Outstanding Senior award at his graduation. Following graduation he enrolled at Brown University where he studied and played football for 4 years, graduating in 1954. He then entered the Army.

After the service, Aubrey began a long career at Hopkinton High School, spanning more than 35 years. He served in many roles including math teacher, math department head and coach of multiple football, basketball and baseball teams before eventually becoming the head varsity football coach in the late 1960's through the early 1970's. He was also the Athletic Director for 20+ years. He was also an inductee in the inaugural HHS Athletic Hall of Fame class

# Frederick Douglass Elementary

## Douglass Elementary

**Why:** Obviously, Frederick Douglass needs no introduction. He was the most gifted orator of his generation, a self-taught, self-emancipated enslaved person that settled with his young wife in New Bedford, Mass, and joined the antislavery circuit, speaking in towns throughout New England. He taught other enslaved people to read and embraced every opportunity to hone his speaking skills, which were incredibly popular with people of all color.

**Hopkinton Connection:** On April 29, 1842, Douglass spoke at Hayden Rowe Hall, a building that stood at 196 Hayden Rowe Street, a few hundred yards from the site of the new school. His speech inspired local residents – many of whom have descendants in town – to continue to promote the cause of antislavery, holding meetings and fundraisers, and joining in the multitudes of petitions sent to both the state and federal government. More on this story can be [found here](#).



# The Hoyt School

In honor of Rick and Dick Hoyt.

The motto for the school could be Yes you can! This is all with permission from the family of course.

Rick and Dick remain forever in Hopkinton's heart because of the marathon, Judy for her strength and dedication to her own son, as well as for students throughout her career.

Though not Hopkinton residents specifically, Dick and Rick Hoyt are part of the Hopkinton community.

# Judy Hoyt Elementary

**Why:** Dick and Rick Hoyt are undoubtedly two of the most inspiring marathoners in history. What is less known is the contribution of Rick's mother, and Dick's wife, Judy Hoyt. Rick, as we know, was confined to a life in a wheelchair, unable to speak or use his limbs. But his parents knew that he was intelligent and were determined to find a way to help him live a normal life. Although she had yet to obtain her Masters in Education from UMass, Judy was an innate and creative teacher. Determined to find a way to help her son communicate, she gathered a collection of letter blocks and glued sandpaper to them, rubbing them on Rick's body to teach him the alphabet through sensory.

When it was time for Rick to enter Kindergarten, Judy enrolled him in North Reading elementary. The kindergarten classroom was on the first floor of the schoolhouse, and the school was able to accommodate his wheelchair. But the first-grade classroom was up a flight of stairs, and the next year the school told Judy that Rick would need to go to a special school. Judy was furious and decided to act.

Working with local politicians, and taking meetings with anyone that would listen, Judy worked tirelessly to help draft the legislation known as Chapter 766, or the Massachusetts Special Education Law. Passed in 1972, Chapter 766 helped bring thousands of young people into more inclusive educational settings. It guaranteed all students aged 3-22 access to an educational program best suited to their needs, regardless of disability. Chapter 766 served as the model for the first federal special education law, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975. Judy worked with 16-term Congressman Silvio Conte to help push the bill, and its successor, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, through congress.

Judy Hoyt's efforts can be seen in every public school, and indeed, nearly every building constructed in this county since 1990. She is an unsung hero, and it is well past time for her incredible contribution to be recognized. More on Judy Hoyt's story can be [found here](#).

**Hopkinton Connection:** The Hoyt's are legendary in this town. There is a statue of Rick and Dick in front of Center School. There is a street named after them. The Dick Hoyt Memorial Race starts at Marathon Elementary. Even though they are not from Hopkinton, we as a town have adopted the entire Hoyt family and embrace their rich history. I would love to see (and design) a plaque for Mrs. Hoyt at the entrance of the new school; I feel every student and parent should learn and understand her impact

Richard E. Hoyt School  
Hoyt Memorial School

# Magunco Elementary

After the Native American settlement in the Hopkinton area.

# Mary B. Nealon

Mary B. Nealon (nee Sullivan), known as Bernice, was raised at 177 Hayden Rowe Street, a short distance from the new school location. She attended the Hayden Rowe School, presently the Hopkinton Historical Society building. She graduated from Hopkinton High School and Regis College. Beginning in 1940 she taught grades 7-12 English before pausing to raise her family. She returned to teaching in 1960 and was appointed grades 7-9 Guidance Counselor until her retirement in 1981. She became Hopkinton's Town Clerk in 1971 and served the community in this role until retiring in 1997. She served the town with respect and dedication in performing the many duties and responsibilities of this public office. As town clerk, presenting and discussing the voting process with elementary school students was one of her favorite experiences.

# Michael Shepard Elementary

# Patriot Elementary

# Sharon Christa McAuliffe

She was a very brave astronaut.



# Shays Elementary School

After Daniel Shays.

# Stephen William Hawking

I thought someone who represents brilliance and overcoming physical disabilities would be worthy of a school named after him. The park adjacent is named EMC2 and in keeping with this theme I thought this would be fitting.

# Susan Dimock

Dr. Susan Dimock taught in the Hopkinton Public Schools and owned a hotel in Hopkinton!

“In the 1870s, she was arguably the best-educated, most-skilled woman surgeon in the nation.” This was when being a woman doctor was deemed impossible and even shameful. “

# Valerie von Rosenvinge

I would like to suggest a name for the new elementary school. I am a member of the HHS Drama Club, and I would like to propose that the new school be named after the HHS drama director, Valerie von Rosenvinge. She is retiring at the end of this school year after over twenty years of teaching and directing in Hopkinton. She has touched countless lives and accepts and respects all students, regardless of their identities/abilities. She has truly created a home for so many students over the years who maybe would not have found one if it wasn't for her. I would love for her to be recognized as an irreplaceable educator in our town after her retirement

# Learning & Concepts

# Discovery Elementary

# Eco Discovery Elementary

# Futures Elementary



# Hiller Elementary

# HOPE 24 or HOPE24

Rationale:

## Hope

- Includes HOP for Hopkinton.
- Inclusive / Connecting: Our community, staff, students and parents are full of hope for a bright future.

## 24

- 24 signifies "always" or "constant" (think 24/7).
- We have so many schools. 24 reminds us that this school is grades 2-4.

**Hope 24 = "Hope. Always." And allows us to quickly remember which grades attend the school.**

# Tree of Knowledge

# Tree of Life

# General Recommendation

Name the school after a teacher who has worked for the longest time at Hopkinton schools and her/his contributions to the school were invaluable and helped the school to grow and achieve this recognition state and nationwide.

The second would be to name the school with someone who worked and helped our community during his lifetime in the present or the past.