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Memorandum

To: Members, Board of Education

From: Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent 

Through: Steve Atwater, Superintendent 

Date: November 16, 2009

RE: Request for waiver to School Board Policy 7511

The Seward Schools Site Council is requesting a waiver to School Board Policy 7511, Naming Of Facility. Their specific request is a waiver of the two-year waiting period that is required after an individual passes away.

This policy was last reviewed and revised on February 18, 2008. At that time, the waiting period was reduced from a five year waiting period to a two year waiting period. Discussions centered on the need for some length of waiting period so immediate emotional reactions did not lead to the naming of a facility that was not supported by the entire community and would be questioned after a period of time.

That is not the case in this situation. This request is overwhelmingly supported by the joint site councils for all schools in Seward as well as the community at large. Roger Steinbrecher's lifetime contributions to the students and community of Seward serve as a model example of an individual whose contributions merit the naming of a facility after him.

I recommend without reservation that the request for waiver to the two-year rule in School Board Policy 7511, Naming of Facility be granted and a recommendation to the Borough Assembly be forwarded in support of the "Roger Steinbrecher Memorial Field" in Seward.

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Dr. Steve Atwater
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October 7, 2009

Dear Dr. Atwater,

The Seward Schools Site Council would like to be granted a waiver to School Board Policy 7511, Naming a Facility. We are planning to name the Seward Field (used for Track, Football and Soccer) the "Roger Steinbrecher Memorial Field." The waiver would allow us to have a ceremony honoring Roger when we open the newly crowned field in the fall of 2010. We are requesting a waiver of the two-year rule in honoring our past community member.

Roger Steinbrecher was a teacher, coach and athletic director in Seward who died from an aggressive cancer this past year. He was honored in life with the Golden Apple, ASAA Achievement award, coaching awards, and state championship-winning teams. Roger's dedication to the students of Seward High was felt by many. He modeled citizenship as well as taught it. His champion teams reflected his dedication and commitment.

In 1990, the family moved to Seward, where Roger taught history and government. He coached girl's basketball and his teams won three state titles. Roger, one of the original football coaches, was instrumental in bringing football to Seward High. He also served as the athletic director in Seward. After retiring from teaching, he trained Alaska Railroad tour guides at Seward High and worked as a national park ranger.

Roger exemplified community involvement and commitment to students during and after his teaching career. He continued to work with teams, help with activities, and support our schools even after retiring from the school district. He was a humble and honest man that anyone could trust and count on for many things. At his memorial service two weeks ago, one community parent asked, "Who else could you possibly trust your child with more than Roger Steinbrecher?" Our answer to that: no one!

Please consider our request at the earliest opportunity. Our new Assembly Representative, Sue McClure, will introduce the recommendation to the Borough Assembly once we receive School Board approval.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Haddow, President
Seward Schools Site Council

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BP 7511 Naming of Facility

KPBSD Policy Manual

BP 7511

New Construction NAMING OF FACILITY

The School Board shall provide recommendations to the borough for schools or individual buildings or sections of buildings to be named using the following criteria:

1. In honor of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the community, state or borough, or
2. In recognition of the geographic areas in which the school or building is located.

No school facility nor section of a facility should be named for a living person, or for a deceased person who has passed on within the last two years, or for a commercial development.

The Board may appoint a special committee of the Board to review all name suggestions for the Board's final consideration.

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