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Public Comment Opens for Middle School Name

Port Angeles, Wash. – A committee appointed by Superintendent of Port Angeles Schools Gary Cohn to undertake a renaming process as the staff and students of Stevens and Roosevelt Middle Schools are blended into a new 7-8 program on the Stevens campus revealed a list of proposed names for the middle school today. Roosevelt and Stevens staff and students voted on the names last week as part of the review process and forwarded their choices to the committee for review.

The committee, comprised of members from the Middle School Transition Team and additional community members, listed the following choices for community input: Klahhane Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Pacific Middle School, Port Angeles Middle School, Stevens Middle School and Strait View Middle School.

Public comment will be welcomed between now and April 7. Students from all schools, including elementary and high school levels, are also encouraged to offer feedback. “This is a ‘window of opportunity’ to offer responses to the suggested names,” Cohn said. Comments may be sent via email to: info@pasd.wednet.edu, or by U.S. Mail to: Superintendent, Port Angeles School District, 216 East Fourth Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

The naming committee will review results before choosing 3-5 names to forward to the board of directors for consideration at its April 16 meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Dry Creek Elementary School. “The committee is also reviewing the cost of naming a facility,” Cohn noted, “so that the board will be able to evaluate the recommendations fully.”

“At the board meeting on the 16th, the options will be presented with arguments for and against each name,” School Board President Charlie McClain explained. “The board will then make its choice. Whatever the name of the new middle school, it will represent the best of both former middle schools and prepare all Port Angeles students for high school and beyond.”

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