



## Media Release

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### NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR RENAMING OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL

**(Bradenton, FL – October 10, 2018)** Nominations for renaming North River High School are now being accepted by the School District's office of Communications, Family and Community Engagement. The School Board initiated the renaming process during a workshop held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, after a substantial number of citizens mounted a campaign to have the name changed to Parrish High School.

The high school is currently under construction on the southeast corner of Erie Road and Martha Road near Parrish and it is scheduled to open in August 2019.

Name nominations can be submitted in the following ways:

- **Email nominations to:** [Communications@manateeschools.net](mailto:Communications@manateeschools.net)
- **Mail nominations to:**  
The School District of Manatee County  
PO Box 9069,  
Bradenton, FL 34206-9069
- **Personally deliver nominations to:**  
School Support Center, 215 Manatee Ave. W., in Bradenton.
- **Submit Nominations during a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the renaming process and the new high school at:**  
Buffalo Creek Middle School Cafeteria on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The renaming process will culminate in a Public Hearing to be held during a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, when Board members will select a new name for the high school. Name nominations will be accepted all the way up to and during the Public Hearing on February 26, 2019.

For more information, please see the attached resolution passed by the School Board of Manatee County.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD  
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION 2018-10**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANATEE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019, BEGINNING AT, OR ABOUT, 5:45 P.M. AT 215 MANATEE AVENUE WEST, BRADENTON, FLORIDA (AND AT THE NEXT SCHEDULED SCHOOL BOARD MEETING THEREAFTER SHOULD ANY OBSTACLE ARISE PREVENTING SUCH A MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019), WHEREAT THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL TAKE UP FOR ACTION RENAMING THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL BEING BUILT IN THE PARRISH AREA OF MANATEE COUNTY.

**WHEREAS**, the Manatee School Board has previously named a High School being built in the Parrish area of Manatee County as the "North River High School";

**WHEREAS** on August 21, 2018, the Board took Notice that there was in the community on-going involvement, deliberation, discussion, and debate as to the issue of Renaming the High School;

**WHEREAS**, Manatee School Board Policy 7320 C. states in pertinent part provides: "School(s) Naming and Renaming"

"C. The name of a new or existing school(s) once adopted by the Board shall not be considered permanent. However, should the Board subsequently initiate, or be called upon to consider, a name change of an existing previously named school(s), then in that event the Board shall allow a period of time of not less than six (6) months from said date for community involvement, deliberation, discussion, and debate prior to its taking action";

**WHEREAS**, the Manatee School Board on August 21, 2018, approved a Motion to Initiate the Process of Renaming the High School in Accordance with Policy 7320 Immediately;

**WHEREAS**, the Board wishes to provide ample Notice to the community as to when the Board will be taking action in accordance with Policy 7320;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the School Board of Manatee County, the following:

1. **NOTICE:** The School Board of Manatee County, in accordance with Manatee School Board Policy 7320 C, gives Notice that at a regular meeting of the School Board beginning at, or about, 5:45 p.m., at 215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida on February 26, 2019,(and at the next scheduled School Board Meeting thereafter - at the same time and place - should any obstacle arise preventing such a meeting of the School Board on February 26, 2019) the Board will take up for action renaming of the new High School now being built in the Parrish area of Manatee County. Nominations are encouraged to be submitted from the public for naming the new high school by January 29, 2019. Nominations should be in writing and directed to the Community & Press Relations Office, Manatee County School District. They may be mailed or hand delivered to 215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205 OR electronically sent to Communications@ManateeSchools.net.
2. The foregoing Notice shall be published in the Bradenton Herald and displayed on the School District's Website.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the School Board of Manatee County, Florida.

**DULY PASSED and ADOPTED** at a public meeting on this \_\_\_ day of September, 2018.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Hopes, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cynthia Saunders, Superintendent