



**Clark County School District
School Name Committee**

Facility Name Application
Naming Existing Portions of School or Nonschool Facilities

Periodically, names are submitted to the School Name Committee to dedicate a portion of a school or non school facility to honor distinguished citizens and educators.

Prior to a nomination and application being presented to the School Name Committee for consideration, the administrator of the intended facility must be informed of your request.

All nominations are made available to the public for review and are posted on the Clark County School District's website at ccsc.net.

EXISTING PORTION OF FACILITY TO BE NAMED: LIBRARY		
LOCATION: Mario C. & JoAnne Monaco Middle School		
ADMINISTRATOR OF FACILITY: L. Russell	PHONE NUMBER: 799-3670	
NAME OF PERSON CONTACTED AT THIS FACILITY: Gabriela Cummings, Admin. School Secretary		
PROPOSED NAME: RUSSELL & MARY RAMIREZ LIBRARY		
NOMINEE'S OCCUPATION: First and Former Principal of Monaco Middle School		
YEAR OF BIRTH: 1950	CITY: Hollister	STATE: CA
YEARS IN CLARK COUNTY: 30	COUNTY OF CITIZENSHIP: USA	
PERSON SUBMITTING THE NOMINATION: Gabriela Cummings, Admin. School Secretary		
ADDRESS: 1870 N. Lamont Street		
CITY: Las Vegas	STATE: Nevada	
HOME PHONE: 277-7031	OFFICE PHONE: 799-3670 ext. 4100	
EMPLOYMENT IN THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (list positions held and length of time in each, attach an additional sheet if needed)		
Principal	9 years	
Asst. Principal	12 years	
Dean of Students	2 years	
Teacher	7 years	
EDUCATION-RELATED POSITIONS HELD OUTSIDE THE CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (list positions held, length of time in each position, and impact on K-12 education in Clark County. Attach an additional sheet if needed)		
Science Teacher Consultant at Hollister High School - Hollister, CA 1 year		
Adult Job Training Math Instructor/Welding Theory Instructor/ Job Counselor 1 year		
Science Teacher Consultant Peace Corps Honduras, Central America 3 years		
* See Attached		

Education-Related Positions Held Outside the Clark County School District:

The experiences garnered by Mr. Ramirez allowed him to share a wealth of successful strategies both as teacher and administrator. He infused his educational acumen into CCSD to address the needs of students in at-risk schools. His awareness of the cultural needs in a fast-growing, ever-changing community populated with a wide range of demographics brought a new perspective to educating students in the Clark County School District.

INVOLVEMENT IN ORGANIZATIONS OR ACTIVITIES BETTERING CHILDREN (attach an additional sheet if needed)

Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras and California.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE (please explain how the nominee's activities have contributed to children or education or to the betterment of Clark County, attach an additional sheet if needed)

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ASSOCIATION WITH THIS NOMINEE AND THE EXISTING FACILITY (attach an additional sheet if needed)

Mr. Ramirez opened Monaco Middle School in August 2001. He was the principal until he retired from the Clark County School District in June of 2007.

WHAT CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE SPECIFIED FACILITY/SCHOOL/ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/PARENT GROUP. DO THEY SUPPORT THIS NAME CHANGE? (attach an additional sheet if needed)

Mr. Lawrence Russell, current principal, and both Mario and JoAnne Monaco are in agreement to have the school library dedicated to the Ramirez's for their dedication to the students of Clark County and to celebrate Mr. Ramirez's accomplishments during his principalship at Monaco Middle School.

SPECIAL ATTRIBUTES, TALENTS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OR CONTRIBUTIONS NOT LISTED ELSEWHERE (please explain their impact on children and education in Clark County, attach an additional sheet if needed)

Mr. Ramirez exhibits a propensity for excellence. He modeled leadership and supported teachers in the classroom. Under his tutelage, teachers reached their potential as educators and modeled best practices in teaching for other teachers in the district.

Mr. Ramirez possesses a keen sense of fair play and always made decisions based on facts and needs, not emotions.

He remains vigilant in his desire to see students succeed, even though he is retired. A respected member of the Hispanic community, Mr. Ramirez continues to promote excellence in education, always encouraging everyone to stay involved in educating the youth.

March 10, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my recommendation for the library at Monaco Middle School to be named Russ and Mary Ramirez Library.

Russ Ramirez served as the principal at Monaco Middle School from its opening in 2001, through 2007, when he retired from the Clark County School District. For many years before that and particularly during that time, he was an amazing instructional leader. Mr. Ramirez hired me as an English teacher prior to the opening of Monaco Middle School. In 2004, Mr. Ramirez gave me the opportunity to become the learning strategist at Monaco. I had the pleasure of working with him and the rest of the administration team so that we could develop programs to enhance student learning and teacher instruction. Mr. Ramirez was an amazing mentor to me and so many others. He encouraged me to pursue my masters degree in educational leadership. Mr. Ramirez made Monaco Middle School a place of learning, not only for students, but also for teachers. Mr. Ramirez left behind a legacy when he retired, and it is only fitting that a room be named for him. I can't think of a better place than the library-where you can check out a book and be anyone you want to be or go anywhere you want to go. Mr. Ramirez made students and teachers alike, feel like they could be anyone and go anywhere. I became an administrator because Mr. Russ Ramirez had the confidence in me and helped me realize that confidence for myself. It is fitting that the Monaco Middle School library be named after the principal who made Monaco Middle School a wonderful place to teach and learn.



Carrie McEntire
Dean of Students
Del Webb Middle School

June 16, 2008

Recommendation for Monaco Middle School Library Name

Dear School Board Members,

I'm writing to you to support the naming of the Monaco Middle School Library the Russ and Mary Ramirez Library. During my career, I had the opportunity of supervising both Russ and Mary during their principalships, prior to their retirements. They are both very fine people and educators. They served in the Peace Corps together before they came to Clark County. Once here, they served as teachers, deans, assistant principals and principals.

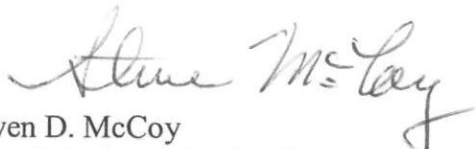
Mary was both an elementary and middle school principal, prior to finishing her career as the Director of Adult Education programs. I worked with her at K.O. Knudson Middle School, where she was the founding principal of the K.O. Knudson Middle School Academy of Creative Arts, Language, and Technology. I found Mary to be a very progressive, caring, and innovative administrator.

Russ served as an administrator at both the middle school and high school level during his long career. He was a principal at Opportunity School, Fremont Middle School, and the founding principal of the new Monaco Middle School. I worked with him at both Fremont and Monaco, where I found him to be a very knowledgeable and caring administrator who worked well with everyone.

Hallmarks of Mary's and Russ's careers are that they continually focused on what was best for their students and engendered great loyalty, commitment, and cooperation from their faculties.

I think naming the Monaco Library after Russ and Mary would be a great way to recognize two such exemplary people and be a positive message to the Monaco community about the importance of their school, its library, and education. Thank you very much for your consideration of this recommendation.

Sincerely,



Steven D. McCoy
Retired Assistant Region Superintendent
CCSD

References for Russell Ramirez

1. Mario & JoAnne Monaco
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2. Steven McCoy
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4. Carrie McEntire
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Henderson, NV 89002
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