

HEATH SCHOOL
Proposed Renaming Process
Timeline to May Town Meeting
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Each week, the school reports updates on the renaming process here. Past "*Community Notes*" newsletters can be found here:

<https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/domain/718>

The "*School Name: History & Resources*" website page is also updated regularly:

<https://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/renameheath>

October 2021

- School Site Council presentation

November 2021

- Faculty feedback gathered (initial thoughts; see [notes](#))

December 2021

- School Site Council feedback, con't.
- [Memo to Heath](#) families sent
- Presentation of need to policy sub-committee

January 2022

- Meet with Barbra Brown, Hidden Brookline Founder
- Introduce the renaming initiative to Heath School students
- Create process for garner advisory council volunteers (students, families, staff)
- Hold initial planning sessions with various committees

February 2022 - June 2022

- Provide students with history around the Heath family, including his ties to slavery
- Raise awareness about the importance of supporting social justice and anti-racism efforts in school
- Begin meeting with various advisory councils
- Students in grades K-8 explore biographies and stories connected to themes of social justice
- Launch 8th Grade Civic Action Project
- Forum(s) for families
- Community meetings to discuss the school name change

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- Need
 - Process
 - Etc.
 - Create nomination process for advisory councils (students, families, staff)
 - Continue meeting with various advisory councils
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2023

January - February 2023

- Student nomination committee begins
- [Presentation to School Committee](#)
- Research candidates submitted by community
- Design decision making criteria
- Narrow field of possible school name candidates

March 2023

- Decide final four candidates for new school name
- Announce final four candidates for new school name
- Meet with Community Experts
- Create and implement [Renaming: Educational Opportunities for Students](#)
- Meet with Indigenous Peoples' Celebration Committee

April

- Present candidate biographies in-house
- Present candidate bios to broader community
- Student panels and presentations
- Continue meeting with Dr. Barbara Brown, Hidden Brookline Founder, to research learn about candidates
- Meet with re-constituted [Brookline names Committee](#), date TBD
- Meet with School Committee to determine next technical steps in the school renaming process, April 3

May

- Determine voting process
- Enact voting process, internal
- Enact voting process, external
- Meet with re-constituted [Brookline Naming Committee](#), date TBD - *if meeting doesn't happen in April*

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June

- Decide and announce finalist for school name
- Finalize Warrant Article and prepare for “Repeal and Replace” submission

July

- Take a break!

August

- Warrant Article Submitted for consideration by Town Meeting

September through November, *determined by Town Meeting dates*

- Town Meeting presentations
- Town Meeting decision
- Continued student advocacy
- Continued Town-wide messaging
- Rename the school
- Celebration!