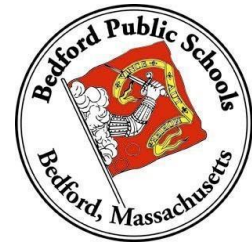


BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



To: Members of the Bedford School Committee
From: Cliff Chuang, Superintendent
Date: October 20, 2023
Subject: Honoring Irene Parker & Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of METCO in Bedford

At your October 24, 2023, meeting, METCO Director and DEI Coordinator Akil Mondesir (who is also an alum of Bedford High School) will share about the history of the METCO program which marks 50 years in Bedford this year, and the legacy of Irene Parker. Mrs. Parker helped to establish our METCO program 50 years ago and remains the longest-serving METCO director in Bedford's history (from 1975 until 2000, when she passed away). Mrs. Parker leaves a legacy of service to the community. In accordance with [School Committee Policy FF - Naming New Facilities](#), in Mrs. Parker's honor, we recommend that you vote to name the foyer by the Bedford High School cafeteria the Irene Parker Foyer, as it was there where she met countless of her students as they entered into the building each day.

Please feel free to contact me or Akil with any questions.

Reference Documents:

- [School Committee Policy FF - Naming New Facilities](#)
- [September 2023 Letter from Akil Mondesir to the School Committee re: 50 Years of METCO in Bedford](#)
- [Bedford 50 years of METCO presentation](#)

Recommended Motion: That the School Committee names the foyer by the Bedford High School criteria the Irene Parker Foyer in accordance with [School Committee Policy FF - Naming New Facilities](#)

