

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Laurie Heinz, Superintendent
Date: November 14, 2016
Re: Recognition of Field School Alumna Hillary Rodham Clinton

District 64 is proud to have educated Hillary Rodham Clinton and commends her historic candidacy for the office of President of the United States.

Entering as a 4-year-old kindergartner in 1952, Secretary Clinton during her nine years in District 64 benefitted from a well-rounded educational experience, which focused not only on academics, but the arts, extra-curricular activities, and community service opportunities.

Leaving us as an eighth grader in 1961, we believe the rich and rigorous education she received in District 64 inspired her to discover her strengths, become a life-long learner, strive for personal excellence, and demonstrate caring as a member of our global society. These are the same goals we have for our students today.

We believe Secretary Clinton's years in District 64 created an immutable foundation for her to experience success as a student in Maine Township High School District 207, and which later propelled her to a legal career and ultimately her service as First Lady, U.S. Senator and U.S. Secretary of State.

We are proud that a child of District 64 and this community answered the call to public service by seeking our nation's highest office. We know that her historic candidacy will serve as an example to all our students today and tomorrow of the boundless opportunities offered to them as graduates of America's public schools.

As you may recall, Mrs. Clinton as First Lady visited Field School on October 27, 1997. We have several specially inscribed 6th grade student photos of her on display at Field from that visit. Our files also contain correspondence sent from one of my predecessors, Dr. Fred Schroeder, to Mrs. Clinton inviting her to participate in the official opening ceremonies of the new Emerson Middle School in fall 1998. You may recall that she attended Emerson Junior High for grades 7 and 8; that school was torn down. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the opening ceremonies for the replacement building.

In honor of her historic candidacy and exemplary public service that remains an inspiration for our students today and tomorrow, it is our intention to name the Learning Resource Center at Field School in her honor. Board Policy 4:150 authorizes the Superintendent to *"name a room or designate some area on a school's property in honor of an individual or group that has performed outstanding service to the school."*

Between now and winter recess, we will work with the school to prepare and install an appropriate sign for the LRC.