

**Davis Joint Unified School District  
Committee to Honor Dr. Mary Ellen Dolcini Applicants  
February 6, 2019**

Name	DJUSD Role	Statement of Interest
Wendy Chason	Former DJUSD teacher	My interest in this committee is to help explore options for the possibility of renaming the school to honor the work of Dr. Dolcini. My relationship with her was my involvement with global education for our district. Her guidance and support helped many new teachers prepare lessons of diversity for our school district and great impact for our students,
Chris Dito	DJUSD parent	I am interested in getting involved with the community. I have been involved in field of education at the collegiate level for 23 years, and a parent of two children who grew up in the Davis school system. I am eager to see how the local school board works. I feel like this is a way to experience the school board in an operational capacity. Thank you for considering my interest.
Erin Dunning	Parent	Hi .... I grew up in Davis and graduated from DHS (94) and UCD (99)... I have 2 daughters at NDE. One in 6th grade and one in Kinder, I also have 4 much younger siblings who went to NDE. I want to find a suitable way to unite the community and honor the accomplishments and memory of Dr. Mary Ellen Dolcini. I'm available to meet most weekdays before 3pm or after 7pm... I work between 9 am and 11 am and again from 4pm to 7pm, most days. Scheduling can be tricky so advance notice is appreciated. Thank you , Erin Dunning
Karen Fingerman	Current DJUSD teacher - NDE	I have been a teacher at North Davis for 10 years. I believe that it is important that the staff of NDE have representation on the committee. Additionally, I attended the Board meeting in December. At that meeting, I heard one individual express that one of the Dolcini group's goals is to make sure her legacy is not lost. An example used was to teach everyone the school song and make sure they knew that she was a driving force behind it. I feel that if a goal is to have her contributions, such as the song, shared yearly with students, then a staff member would be a good voice to have on the committee and a good liaison to other NDE staff. For obvious reasons, meetings during the morning will be difficult for me to attend. I have several obligations through February and March, but will try my best to attend committee meetings. If another teacher from NDE with greater schedule flexibility has applied, then I am also happy to share my thoughts with that person.
Robert Gonzalez	Former DJUSD teacher	Taught 32 of my 36 years in this District.
Cathy Hackett	North Davis site secretary	I am aware of Dr. Dolcini's background in our community and support the effort to honor her amazing accomplishments and wonderful contributions to our district and city. I believe NO school should EVER be renamed without a functional reason to seek a new name (like a major program change or re-structuring). Furthermore, if a school needs a name (because it is new or the reasons above), I believe a consideration of myriad possible names should be considered. Starting with a name and figuring out how to plug that in somewhere feels backwards to me. This may make me a good choice or a terrible one, to serve on this committee.
Leslie Hunter	Engaged Citizen	I am interested in serving on the committee charged with identifying ways to best honor recently deceased Dr. Mary Elle Dolcini. For the past five years I've been a Reading Para at Patwin Elem., also working 2 years at Korematsu Elem. I raised my two children in Davis, they attended DPNS, NDE, Holmes, and DHS. I was an active parent leader during those 16 years, and served on many DJUSD committees. I did not know Dr. Dolcini, but I'm aware of her contributions, and the care she had for students. My interest is working collaboratively to find the best way to honor Dr. Dolcini. I am open to all ideas. Thank you for your consideration. - Leslie
Sarah Kim	Not Stated	I have interest in volunteering for the benefit of the DJUSD community. I have interest also in the volunteer work involved in school and education.
Claire King	Friend and colleague of Dr. Dolcini	I have known and worked with Mary Ellen for years. She has certainly earned the honor of having North Davis named for her.
Kelly Kohen	North Davis community member	I was first made aware of Dr. Dolcini during the recommendation to the Board of Education to rename North Davis Elementary. While I did not support the renaming of the school, Dr. Dolcini's contribution to our educational system and community was never in question. She was an amazing educator and I would love to be a part of the committee that finds the best way to honor Dr. Dolcini while also representing North Davis Elementary interests.

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Claudia Krich	Former colleague of Dr. Dolcini	<p>I knew of Dr. Mary Ellen Dolcini when I taught for three months at North Davis Elementary in 1989/1990. She had a powerful personality, was dynamic, smart, up-to-date on education issues, and very demanding of those who worked with her. I appreciated her knowledge and her high standards. She worked hard and she worked long hours, and expected others to do the same. She is one big reason Davis schools are known for excellence. I think it very appropriate to honor her after such a long professional and personal life of dedication to education and to Davis.</p> <p>In addition to teaching for three months at North Davis Elementary, I taught at Birch Lane, and then at WDI (Willett) for over 20 years, retiring in 2010. I taught in the Spanish Immersion program for about 10 years and in the English program for another 10+. After retiring, I continued at Willett as the volunteer chorus director until 2016.</p> <p>This form is not letting me click on the availability options, but I'm available most days/evenings. On M, W, F I'm available after 9:30AM. On Tuesdays not available 3:00-7:00PM. On Thursdays not available 3:00-5:00PM. I will be traveling on certain days in March and April.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Claudia Krich</p>
Norbie Kumagai	Former student of Dr. Dolcini	<p>Dr. Dolcini was my Principal when I attended Emerson Jr. High (1969-72). She also served as The Advisor to The Student Council the three (3) years I was in leadership serving as Student Body President the end of my Freshman year.</p> <p>Norbie Kumagai (DHS Class of '75) Associated Student Body President, Davis Senior High School</p>
Diana Lizarraga	Former student of Dr. Dolcini	<p>*My name is Di and I received news about Dr. Dolcini through School Loop and via our Holmes PTA meeting. I also got notice through the American Association of University Women.</p> <p>*Dr. Dolcini was my former principal at North Davis elementary. She was a very special educator who rode a moped and even took me out to lunch for a reading award that I got.</p> <p>*She pushed for a multicultural fair, promoted our school play about robots, and love to speak Spanish.</p> <p>*I remember when she let us vote on our new mascot, the dolphins.</p> <p>*I have several ideas to share that promote the ideals of Dr. Dolcini and would be interested in others thoughts on how best to honor her.</p> <p>*In particular I would welcome discussion on merging what our elementary students may need to enhance their education, innovative educational approaches or spaces that highlight Dr. Dolcini's passions.</p> <p>*My work background focuses on equity and inclusion (expert in techno inclusion), supporting low-income/first-gen/minoritized /STEM student communities, higher education, and data science.</p> <p>*I have listed the three days that I typically have the most flexibility on.</p>

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Rhonda Reed	Davis Community Member with strong interest in local history and gender equity	<p>I appreciate the opportunity to apply for consideration to be part of the committee that will identify a way to honor Dr. Mary Ellen Dolcini. I never had the pleasure to meet Dr. Dolcini, but I am familiar with her accomplishments from multiple articles published on her life, accomplishments, and Davis history. Most importantly, I feel familiar with her based on the many people who have shared with me how Dr. Dolcini impacted and influenced their lives. I feel it is critical to take action to honor her now, at a time when those people she touched can honor her, and while they can help build a community memory to honor her appropriately. I am particularly interested in an appropriate commemoration of Mary Ellen Dolcini and her role with the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD).</p> <p>I have lived in Davis for over 20 years, but not continuously. We bought our historical home in Davis in 1980, but employment took us out of the area for a time, and my children did not attend Davis public schools. However, I was an active participant at the schools they did attend, sitting on school site councils, making classroom presentations, and supporting the PTO and other fundraising for school activities and sports programs. Consequently, I fully appreciate the important role of parents, students, staff, and the administration working together to make a school community.</p> <p>Currently, I am actively involved in the community of Davis. I am the president of the Old East Davis Neighborhood Association where we are working to conserve our neighborhood values and some of the most historic structures in Davis. We also are collaborating with other neighborhoods in Davis to network and share resources to strengthen neighborhoods in the City. I have been an officer or a board member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Davis branch since 2006. Our Branch has collaborated with DJUSD to help us identify students who could most benefit from attending Tech Trek, a scholarship funded STEM camp for girls. We also partner with Da Vinci Charter Academy and Explorit to host an annual Women in STEM evening to extend the benefits of TechTrek to the community and expose students (and parents) to diverse career opportunities in STEM. I also serve on the board of the California Retriever Trainer Association and I am the president of the Sagehens Retriever Club. All these organizations operate based on Robert's Rules of Order and I'm familiar with the civil discourse process of communicating and negotiating to develop equitable solutions that are meaningful for the affected community.</p>
Rhonda Reed (con't)		<p>Professionally, I am a fisheries scientist by training (UC Davis), and worked for the State of California for over 30 years (Departments of Fish and Game, Water Resources, California Bay-Delta Authority, and Resources Agency). Prior to retiring in 2016, I worked for the National Marine Fisheries Service for four years addressing water and fishery management issues and served at technical, managerial, and policy levels. I have effectively led teams to implement significant ecosystem restoration projects and programs. In 2014, I received the National Marine Fisheries Service's Bronze Award for leading my team to develop experimental regulations for reintroduction of endangered salmon that were supported by farmers, ranchers, water users, and environmentalists alike. As a woman in a male-dominated STEM career I have made a concerted effort to expose students, both male and female, to the exciting opportunities available in working with our natural resources. AAUW invited me to share my career at over 10 Math-Science Career conferences to mentor middle school students in the 1980's. In the 1980's through 2002, I partnered with Los Angeles County Schools and other districts to train over 3,000 classroom teachers in the use of environmental education curricula, including Project WILD, CLASS Project, Words in the Woods, and Project Learning Tree. I also have participated in curriculum development and review.</p>
Kurt Yeaman	Current DJUSD teacher @ NDE	<p>Throughout my professional career and in my community service work, I have been engaged in conflict resolution to address controversial issues involving multiple stakeholders, often with diverse objectives. This has required my ability to listen to all parties and form an opinion that will consider differing points of view. If selected, I am committed to working cooperatively with the other committee members. I feel that I have the necessary experience and qualifications in communication and collaboration to participate in this process. I am hopeful that the committee will be successful in finding a way to appropriately honor the legacy of Dr. Mary Ellen Dolcini. Thank you for your consideration of my interest.</p>