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Stephanie Pinto	Not provided	Alberta Mar Knox	Educator Alberta Mae Knox (1896-1991) was the first Black graduate from the newly built New Bedford High School in 1913, when she was elected class salutatorian by the faculty. A graduate of both Bridgewater Teacher's College and Rutgers University, her teaching career spanned 45 years and included five years at Parker Street Grammar School in New Bedford, where she also served as president of the local NAACP.
Darcie Aungst	Deputy Superintendent and New Bedford Resident	Amelia Piper Elementary School	Abolitionist Amelia Piper (1796-1856), as one of the managers of the New Bedford Female Union Society, organized one of the first anti-slavery fairs in New Bedford held on January 1, 1840. Amelia and her husband helped many fugitives who came to New Bedford, including John Jacobs, brother of writer and abolitionist Harriet Jacobs. She with her husband and four children had come to New Bedford after fleeing from Alexandria, Virginia between 1826 and 1830. Not only does the name honor this strong, historic woman of New Bedford, The Piper School also sounds very fitting for an elementary school. Here is a great site for more inspiration on notable women of the SouthCoast: https://historicwomensouthcoast.org/profiles/
Cecilia Felix	Retired Principal of Holy Family Holy Name School	Antone Felix	He was a graduate of New Bedford High School, received a B.S. degree from Boston University, and two master's degrees, an M. Ed. from Bridgewater State College and an M.A. from New York University. In addition, he completed course work at Harvard University, Universidade do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brasil, and Universidade de Lisboa. He taught Portuguese at New Bedford High School, and was a Professor of Portuguese at S.M.U. (now University of Massachusetts Dartmouth) where he received the title Professor Emeritus. For five years he served as principal of De Valles Evening School. While on the Board of Trustees of S.M.U. he chaired a sub-committee to draft a proposal for a Portuguese Learning Center which was accepted in the Spring of 1973, resulting in the Center for the Portuguese Speaking World (CPSW), and subsequently served as its director for several years. Many local Portuguese cultural organizations called upon him to give talks and slide presentations on Camoes or Portuguese Africa (Angola and Mozambique). Some of his contributions to S.M.U. include obtaining the first Leitor from Instituto de Alta Cultura, organizing the first Portuguese lecture given by Dr. J. M. dos Santos, Director of Museo de Arte Antiga in Lisbon, beginning the Summer Study in Portugal Program for students, and obtaining many books, magazines, and newspapers for the S.M.U. library from Portuguese Government Agencies. He was invited by the Portuguese Embassy in Washington to visit Angola and Mozambique. The Portuguese Government condecorated him with Ordem de Merito. He both conducted research on the Military Orders of Santiago and Avis and wrote book reviews of Portuguese publications and several articles on the study of Portuguese. He served two years in the U.S. Army at the General Headquarters in Tokyo. He was highly respected by the Portuguese community and esteemed by his former students at New Bedford High School and S.M.U. While he was a teacher at New Bedford High School, he headed a club that annually held a show called COMMAND PERFORMANCE, which focused on the talents of the students, the club mission was to support students

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			to be good solid citizens and contributing young citizens in the community and vowed to NOT get involved with substance abuse. Antone grew up in the South end of New Bedford on Sagamore St which is near by the site of the new school. He was also an active communicant at OL of Mt Carmel Church where he served as Director of Religious Education as well as headed several committees in addition to leading a program called the Fishers of Men and Chaired the local Catholic Charities campaign in the parish. Antone was a faithful son, devoted brother and supportive uncle. He was an outstanding teacher and always had the students and their families as a priority in his life. His mission was to serve the whole student and their families and he often provided students who had financial needs scholarships, financial aid as well as food, clothing and educational supplies. Antone Felix, age 83, died peacefully at home on April 22, 2010 under hospice care by the Fairhaven Community Nurses and family. He was preceded in death by his father Antonio Felix and mother Maria de Lourdes Macedo, brother Joseph Felix, sister Mary (Lucy) Marks. He is survived by his youngest sibling, his brother Daniel Felix who still resides in their home on Sagamore St in New Bedford. I hope you will seriously consider this honor as ANTONE FELIX, was a dedicated Educator that served the greater New Bedford School Community and its surrounding towns later in his career at UMASS DART. He was proud to be a citizen of New Bedford and an ARMY veteran.
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Barbara Johns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o As a teenager, helped organized a strike that led to the desegregation of schools in United States o Recognized by the National Women's History Museum o Niece of Dr. Vernon Johns- predecessor to MLK Jr. o April 23, 1951 at the age of 16 organized youth at Robert Russa Moton High School o Received support from NAACP- affiliated lawyers o Legal case being filed set in motion the legal challenge that became park of Brown V. Board of Education ruling school segregation unconstitutional
Not provided	Not provided	Bay Side Elementary School	A city connected to water, known for its rich history of the whaling industry and fishing fleet. Show some 
Jasmine McFarland	Not provided	C.D. Elementary	Standing for Congdon and DeValles! I think that's some of the history from both elementary schools should be attached to the new one! Instead of replacing the name with something new completely. As a long time New Bedford resident, I know many people have fond memories of their childhood attending both schools! Also I am bus monitor/ daycare teacher & am excited for a new school build! I believe it is a necessary step for our children's continued success. Thank you for your consideration!!
Danielle Bill	Mother and past student of Congdon Elementary	Congdon-DeValles Elementary School	It's the combination of 2 great schools and the history behind them. We are New Bedford Massachusetts and have a beautiful history behind us and a rough future ahead, let's not ruin it with a name that doesn't represent our past, present, and future.
Laura Neves	Executive Assistant,	Congdon-DeValles Elementary School	I would like to recommend renaming the new school "Congdon-DeValles Elementary School." I recommend this name to combine both current school names, James B. Congdon and John B. DeValles,

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	Finance & Operations NBPS and New Bedford Resident		<p>which would continue to honor and maintain the rich history of both individuals who were influential to the City of New Bedford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James B. Congdon School was erected in 1907 and is named after James Bunker Congdon (1802-1880), who was extremely conspicuous in the public life of New Bedford in the 1800's. Mr. Congdon was chairman of the Board of Selectmen, drew up the charter for the city government, and was first to hold the position of President of the City Council. He led the fight to remove the onus of "pauper" from the public schools of the city by serving on the School Committee from 1833-1844. His most outstanding public service occurred in 1852, when he established the New Bedford Free Public Library, first in the United States to be built with public funds. It is fitting then, that our school is named after one who dedicated his life to public service and to establishing the first free public library - a place where one would avail himself of the opportunity to broaden their knowledge. • John B. DeValles School was erected in 1912-1913 and is named after Father John B. DeValles. Reverend John B. DeValles was a man of peace in a time of war. He was known as the "Angel of the Trenches" for his valiant deeds in caring for the wounded and dying on the battle fields in France during World War I. He was born in St. Miguel, Azores of Azorean and Cape Verdean heritage and was brought to New Bedford by his family when he was two years old. Father DeValles attended local schools before studying for the priesthood. In New Bedford, he served at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and was later pastor of St. John the Baptist Church. A master of six languages, Father DeValles opened the first Portuguese parochial school at Espirito Santo Church in Fall River. He was known for his interest in education and radiated human kindness in all his endeavors. In 1917, he was appointed as a Knights of Columbus Chaplain attached to the 104th Regiment of the 26th Division of the United States Infantry. In 1918, he was appointed a chaplain in the regular army with the rank of First Lieutenant. Chaplain DeValles served eighteen months in the war and spent much of that time in "No-Man's Land" searching for wounded and dying soldiers. He administered to the needs of both Allied and German soldiers. Father John, as he was known to the troops, risked his life many times. His exploits became legendary with many published accounts of his deeds. When he did not return to the trenches on one occasion, searchers found him next to a dead soldier he was trying to help. He was unconscious, the effect of a mustard gas attack. Father DeValles continued to serve even though his injuries caused his health to deteriorate. In 1919, Father John returned the United States and spent the remaining months of his life in and out of hospitals until his death in May 1920 at the age of 41. Father DeValles earned the France's Croux de Guerre and the Legion of Honor as well as United States Army's Distinguished Service Cross among other awards. Father John was given full military honors at his funeral with an outpouring of tributes from national leaders and local people who were touched by his presence.
Pamela Oliveira	Not provided	Congdon-DeValles Elementary School	I would like to recommend keeping a combination of the two existing schools for the name of the proposed new South End school- either Congdon-DeValles or DeValles- Congdon. It is not the first time NB will honor two citizens (Hayden-McFadden), so the decision is not a precedent. Moreover, New

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			Bedford's history should not be erased. Our history lives on in the harbor we cherish and among the cobblestones on which we walk. These fine gentlemen contributed to their community in ways that garnered recognition years ago. Their contributions should not be diminished by time. After all, Congdon should be recognized as an award-winning School of Excellence that it has been named. Like a tarnished penny, the names of these forefathers should be polished and put on display to shine again over New Bedford.
Shari Polikoff	Not provided	congdon-DeValles Elementary School	To continue to honor the namesakes of the two schools being replaced.
Bruce Oliveira	New Bedford School Committee Member and New Bedford Resident	DeValles-Congdon Elementary School	In honor of Father John B. DeValles and James B. Congdon. I suggest this because of the tremendous significance both men have to New Bedford history. I believe it would be appropriate to maintain their connection to New Bedford's history and to name the school in their honor would help accomplish this.
J Lopes Law	Not provided	Rev. John B. DeValles	As a South End resident of Cape Verdean descent, I feel that it is compelling to retain the name "Rev. John B. DeValles". Father DeValles was of a dual heritage Azorean and Cape Verdean. The DeValles School is the first New Bedford School to honor a Cape Verdean. That tradition should continue, especially given the demographics of the neighborhood.
Bella Bella	Not provided	Diversity	The perfect name for this school should be [Diversity] Why this name, the city of New Bedford is known as a city of many people of diversify and having a school to represent and support that will be nice to see.
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Dolores Huerta	o Recognized by the National Women's History Museum o One of the most influential labor activist of the 20th century o Briefly taught but stopped because of the hungry farm children in her class, starting her career as an activisto Received the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award in 1998, Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2012o Founded the Agricultural Worker's Associationo Co-founder of the United Farm Worker's Association and National Farm Workers Associationo Board Member of the Feminist Majority Foundation, Secretary-Treasurer Emeritus of the United Farm Workers of America, President of the Dolores Huerta Foundation
Isaac Pacheco	Not provided	Donald Trump Elementary School	The reason for it being everyone's life was so much better when he was president.
Jasmine Tino	Not provided	Elizabeth Elementary	I've listed a few names below of historical figures that would deserve the title of being named after an elementary school. https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/important-figures/
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Shawn McDonald	Property Manager at North Dartmouth Properties, Inc.	Dr. Evelyn E. Barrows	<p>What better way to begin a new school for an area that has lived through many, many changes. I was born and raised in the area (Thompson and Bonney) until my mother purchased her home in Dartmouth in 1970. However, our roots go much deeper than that. At 96 Thompson Street, my grandparents had their dentistry practice and serviced the community for over 40 years. My grandfather, John T. Barrows, served on the School Committee for 27 years until his death in 1969. But, my nomination is for his wife and my grandmother, Dr. Evelyn E. Barrows. Dr. Barrows (Memere), was one of six women who graduated from Tufts in 1928. She became the first female dentist in the City of New Bedford (an achievement long forgotten) despite the discrimination and culture of the times. In her later years, she was appointed as the head of the Dental Clinic for the School Department, again a first. She continued to practice her craft until her husband's death in 1969. They lived on Rockdale Avenue for over 40 years. I know there are many others who may be deserving of this honor, but what better way to empower our youth, especially young women, to strive for a better future by shattering expectations. I offer several attachments for this consideration.</p>
Jodie Braun	James B. Congdon Elementary School Teacher	Frederick Douglas	<p>I have been an educator here in New Bedford for 21 years. I currently work at Congdon Elementary School. I feel that Frederick Douglas made such a positive impact on this city and remains an historic name of significance. I think it should be considered as the name for our new school. Thank you so much for your thoughtful approach to naming the school.</p>
Kristen Crossley	Not provided	Frederick Douglass	<p>I just saw the article on the Southcoast Today website about the new elementary school that will be built down the South End. In thinking about well-known, historical people that left a stamp on our city, Frederick Douglass came to mind. Abolitionism has a strong history here, and Frederick Douglass is one of the most well-known, both locally and internationally, speakers. In addition, his support for Women's Rights, having been the only person of color invited to the Seneca Falls Convention in New York. (Granted, I acknowledge that I had to look that up; apologies to all of the great NBPS teachers that I had.)</p> <p>Speaking as a feminist, I would also love to have another great school in our city named for a woman. Lucy Stone was the first woman in the state to earn a college degree, and in addition to being a suffragist, she also spoke out for equal pay and support for teachers, which should remain vital to a thriving educational system.</p> <p>As a third-generation graduate of Taylor School, Roosevelt, and NBHS (though my dad and grandfather went to the original NBHS building), I'm really proud of how far our city has come, and appreciate this opportunity to put in my two cents' worth. Thanks for your time, and I hope you have a great week! :)</p>
Not provided	Not provided	Frederick Douglass	<p>He was a cornerstone in the city and encouraged education</p>

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Eve Marie	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary	after the goat fr
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	Frederick Douglass' extensive and intimate history with New Bedford is becoming widely known with opening of Abolition Row Park. He was an orator, writer, publisher, politician, entrepreneur, political activist, and historical/national figure – something we aspire all of our students to become. Naming this school the Frederick Douglass Elementary School would send a strong message to New Bedford and beyond that we were (and still are) on the right side of history. This would put our city's name on the map as it highlights a part of our city's history that makes us proud. I believe all of our students would be PROUD to attend the Frederick Douglass Elementary School.
Stephen Nowell	Roosevelt Middle School Teacher	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	I believe the great Frederick Douglass should be the choice for one of them. An icon who personifies standing for freedom and justice for all while simultaneously being a proud resident of New Bedford. I hope his name is taken into consideration as a lasting tribute to his legacy. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.
Jakob Braz	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	Douglass lived in New Bedford, Massachusetts, for several years during the mid-19th century. He settled there after escaping slavery in Maryland, finding the city to be relatively tolerant and supportive of African Americans. While in New Bedford, Douglass became actively involved in the abolitionist movement. He delivered powerful speeches denouncing slavery and advocating for equal rights for all individuals, regardless of race. Douglass was a strong advocate for education. In New Bedford, he continued his own education and encouraged others to do the same, believing that knowledge was key to empowerment and liberation. Douglass's presence in New Bedford helped inspire and mobilize the local community in the fight against slavery and for civil rights. His leadership and eloquence made a significant impact on the city's history and its stance on social justice issues. Overall, Frederick Douglass's time in New Bedford symbolizes resilience, activism, and the pursuit of freedom and equality, making him an important figure in the city's history and identity. Naming a school for Frederick Douglass would be the perfect way to honor Douglass's legacy in New Bedford. As a New Bedford native, I am proud of the powerful figures that have resided in our community. It is critical to use opportunities like these to honor the amazing people that make up our rich history.
Connie Hilton	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	I suggest that the new school be named for Frederick Douglass or for both Mr. Douglass and his wife, Anna. This seems like an obvious choice to me — to honor persons of local, national, and international importance.
Kathy Coutinho	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary School	As an escaped slave, Douglass and his wife Anna settled in New Bedford. He became an abolitionist and an anti-slavery speaker. He worked hard for equal treatment of all genders and races. He is a great historical figure from the 19th century and embodies the principles that we should all strive for. In this day and age where so many places are banning books and trying to erase or bury the past I feel we

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Russell Houtman	Not provided	Fredrick Douglas elementary school	Naming of elementary school in south end of city,a perfect name for school should be Fredrick Douglas elementary school,due in part to him living in new Bedford and his contribution to freedom and equality plus his stance on education as a tool to succeed in society and being an asset to his community!
John Evans	Not provided	Frederick Douglas School	Named for the young man who, in 1838, escaped slavery in Maryland and found freedom in New Bedford and became a national leader in the abolitionist movement, during which he gained fame for his oratory skills and antislavery writings.
Jasmine Tino	Not provided	Frederick Elementary	I've listed a few names below of historical figures that would deserve the title of being named after an elementary school. https://nbhistoricalsociety.org/important-figures/
Rosemary Lazaro	Not provided	Frederick Kalisz jr elementary school	He was a former mayor who was very dedicated to his job & very committed to our city. He went on to become register of deeds & one of the greatest & honest men to run our county registry. He was held in high regard & loyalty & great honor.
Janelle Dias	Not provided	George Heath Elementary school	I believe George Heath Elementary school would be a great way to memorialize the former GNBVT teacher and his sacrifice he made
John Todman	Not provided	Gwendolyn E Todman	Do your Homework 📖 on how she was a great teacher to hundreds of inner city Youth.
Pauline St. Don	Not provided	Good Beginnings Elementary School	Since it is an elementary school and on the old Goodyear site, Good Beginnings Elementary School, is my suggestion.
Liz Hesketh	Titlest Customer Service Representative	Goodyear Grammar School	Factory that was on that ground for decades
Susana Sousa	Not provided	Harborview Elementary School	It pays homage to New Bedford's maritime heritage while also reflecting a forward-looking perspective, symbolizing a bright future for its students.
Sheri Sarmiento	Not provided	Dr. Herbert R. Waters	I would like to propose a name for the new elementary school that is scheduled to be built in the south end of New Bedford. First, I would like to tell you a little bit about myself which will help with the reasoning behind my submission. I grew up in the west end of New Bedford and still live there. I love New Bedford and appreciate the rich history and diversity the city has to offer. I attended the old Sgt. Wm H. Carney Academy when I started school, which I believe became Holy Family Holy Name. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend Carney Academy on Elm St., when it was brand new. I have the fondest memories of attending Carney Academy when Dr. Herbert Waters was the principal. He was tough but fair and he had a genuine concern for the children who attended the school. He instilled

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Dawn Blake Souza	Not provided	Dr. Herbert R. Waters	In honor of his years of service to the children of New Bedford.
Charles Jodoin	Not provided	Dr. Herbert R. Waters	He was a patriot and a pioneer in Education. He was an exemplary citizen, advocate for children, and inspiring leader for so many!
Cynthia Valadas Wentland	Not provided	Herman Melville Academy or School	<p>I grew up in New Bedford, lived in the south end, and attended James B Congdon School in the 1960's. I am suggesting the name for the new elementary school to be the Herman Melville Academy or School. I feel Herman Melville's contribution to the City of New Bedford by the writing of his famous novel Moby Dick certainly helped to put New Bedford and her famous whaling and fishing industry on the map! I would like to see Mr Melville be acknowledged for his contribution by having a school named after him as he was also a teacher in his early years before his writing career took off.</p>
John Evans	Not provided	Herman Melvinne School	Named for the 21-year old crew member aboard the whaleship Acushnet that left New Bedford harbor for the Pacific Ocean in 1841. From that experience, he found inspiration for the American novel Moby Dick.

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Isaac Melo	New Bedford Citizen	Hetty Green Elementary	I feel Hetty Green doesn't get enough recognition for her financial contributions to New Bedfords public infrastructure and programs. I believe she is an integral part of the cities history and would be a great figure to teach children about.
Brenda Hernandez	Not provided	Hope elementary	Because we need to keep the Hope going for our YOUNG KIDS
Diane Rosa Pereira	Not provided	Hope Elementary	The reason is in the name. There is "hope" for the future in our younger generations and the school staff will be actively building hope In them. The name serves as part of the identity for the school.
Thomas R. Hunt	Former New Bedford School Committee Member (1982-1994)	Attorney J. Mark Treadup	Mr. Treadup, a lifelong resident of the city, has served as a member of the school committee, the city council, county treasurer and Register of Deeds. Mr. Treadup's children are proud graduates of our public schools. Perhaps most appropriately on Memorial Day, Attorney Treadup served in Vietnam in the United States Army during the height of the conflict.
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Jack Custodio	a radical but beloved New Bedford activist who played an important role in minority advocacy in the city
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Jibreel Khazan	one of the iconic 1960s civil rights protesters known as the Greensboro Four, who later lived in New Bedford
Alan Perkins	Not provided	John Bullard Elementary School	Bullard, who passed away this year was instrumental in the preservation on New Bedford's historic district and as mayor from 1986-1992 did a lot to revitalize the city's waterfront.
Jocelyn Ferro	Not provided	Joseph Russell III	I grew up in New Bedford! Joseph Russell III was the founder of NB. Maybe this would be a great name to represent the history of our city with the coming of the new times ahead! Plus an excellent lesson for children of this amazing city!
Karen Lombard	Teaching & Learning Specialist at John B. DeValles Elementary School	Dr. Juan Bennett Drummond	I recently learned that the first African American woman doctor in Massachusetts was from NB and went to NBHS. Dr. Juan Bennett Drummond. On so many levels she would be a great role model for students and a true New Bedford connection and student. Just a thought.

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Julie Regan	Not provided	Laurinda C. Andrade Elementary School	<p>My suggestion for a name for the new school would be Laurinda C. Andrade Elementary School. Laurinda Andrade was a Portuguese immigrant to New Bedford, a teacher, and a trailblazer when it came to the Portuguese Language department at NBHS.</p> <p>You can read more about here Laurinda C. Andrade - Lighting the Way, Historic Women of the SouthCoast historicwomensouthcoast.org</p>
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Lee Charlton	a president of the NAACP for 24 years who led the successful fight to end tracking in the New Bedford school system
Roshalene Grace	Not provided	Lewis Temple Elementary	I am reaching out regarding the name of the new Congdon/DeValle school. I think Lewis Temple Elementary would be a fine addition to our city's school district. We have a few tributes to the blacksmith, abolitionist, and inventor who called New Bedford home, but as we embrace our new "Explore New Bedford" mantra, what better way to revisit our rich history than to call attention to the man who invented the toggle iron, which revolutionized the whaling industry and made New Bedford "the City That Lit The World". The students who attend this school should feel inspired by its namesake to be innovators, freedom seekers, and creators of a new generation! Lewis Temple died before he was properly credited for his work, hopefully this act can bring honor to his legacy.
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Lucretia Mott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Born in Nantucket, MA o Dedicated her life to human equality o Recognized by the National Park Service o Part of the organization of the Philadelphia Female Anti-Slavery Society o Became the first president of the American Equal Rights Association
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Lucy Stone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Recognized by the National Park Service o First Massachusetts woman to receive a college degree o Advocate for Women's Rights and enslaved people o Born in West Brookfield, MA o Worked with Frederick Douglas, Susan B. Anthony o Stone's speech inspired Susan B. Anthony to join the women's right movement o Helped with the publication of The Woman's Journal

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Djamila Silva Monteiro	English Learner Specialist, Educational Access & Pathways Dept. at NBPS and New Bedford Resident	Lucy Stone	<a data-bbox="768 367 2003 431" href="https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/lucy-stone.htm#:~:text=Lucy%20Stone%20(1818%2D1893),the%20American%20Anti%2Dslavery%20Society.">https://www.nps.gov/wori/learn/historyculture/lucy-stone.htm#:~:text=Lucy%20Stone%20(1818%2D1893),the%20American%20Anti%2Dslavery%20Society.
Jeanne Costa	Not Provided	Margery Ruby Dottin	<p>As a life long resident of New Bedford, a women of color and a past candidate for the School Committee (along side Margery Ruby Dottin), I can't think of anyone else more deserving then Margery Ruby Dottin to have a school named after and for students from all racial backgrounds to be proud of attending a school in her name. Its been a long time coming and I hope those who will be making the decisions will agree. Please find below, an extensive Bio on Mrs Margery Ruby Dottin which was written by Lee Blake for the Lighting of the Way Project. Margery V. "Ruby" Dottin (1922-2020) was a member of the New Bedford School Committee for many years, and was the first African American woman to be elected to the committee in 1976. She then went on to win five consecutive four-year terms before her retirement in 1997. She was born on November 17, 1922, in Cambridge, MA to her mother, Marie Heywood of Barbados. Always a strong supporter of the role of education in creating a better community and opening pathways for youth, Ruby worked on education policy her entire adult life. She touched so many lives with her work on the school committee and through her work for the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Upward Bound program where she served as director for 16 years. Upward Bound is designed for high school students who have the potential to succeed in college and could benefit from: tutoring, academic enrichment, pre-college skills development, career counseling, college visits, cultural enrichment and year-round academic and social support. UB provides opportunities for students to succeed in high school and ultimately in college. Ruby saw the potential for greatness in the youth she came in contact with and worked to open doors for many New Bedford students. One episode that exemplified her impact was in 1970 when the University of Massachusetts Amherst reached out to New Bedford High School administrators seeking underrepresented students who would be invited to apply to the college. The administrators told the university staff that there were no underrepresented students of college caliber in their senior class. (This was at a time when colleges and universities around the country were just beginning to work to increase educational opportunity for marginalized students). Ruby worked with other Black leaders to turn that response around and assisted in the selection of 20 underrepresented students who were encouraged to apply to UMass Amherst. Those students were then admitted as the second class of underrepresented students on the Amherst campus. Many of these students went on to complete their college education</p>

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			<p>and became New Bedford community and educational leaders and leaders in their respective communities around the country. Margery earned a master's degree in education from Harvard University and was awarded an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Prior to her retirement, Margery was the director of the Upward Bound program at Southeastern Massachusetts University (UMass Dartmouth). Her accomplishments included director of Project SPACE, a program aimed at assisting New Bedford's youth at the high school level in education. She was also the deputy director of ONBOARD, local anti-poverty agency. Among her many awards were the Afro-American History Museum Award, the SMU Outstanding Performance Award, the NAACP Award for Education and Community Service, Governor's Citation in education and community service, Martha Briggs Award for Commitment to Education, Mayor's Award from the City of New Bedford for her contribution to Black History in New Bedford, and the YWCA Economic and Social Justice Award. She was also nominated as the Standard-Times Woman of Year in New Bedford. Margery was a member of the NAACP, the New Bedford Historical Society, the Julio J. Alves Scholarship Committee, the League of Women Voters, the American Red Cross, and the YWCA, where she served as assistant treasurer. She was an active and devoted member of the International Church of the Nazarene. Margery V. "Ruby" Dottin, 98, of New Bedford passed away peacefully at home in her sleep on November 19, 2020.</p>
Carl J. Cruz	New Bedford Resident	Margery Ruby Dottin	Seconds Jeanne Costa's reasoning
Jose Dias	Not provided	Margery Ruby Dottin	Seconds Jeanne Costa's reasoning
Blair Taylor	Director of Education and Community, Zeiterion	Margery V. "Ruby" Dottin	I am emailing to submit Margery V. "Ruby" Dottin's name for one of the three new schools slated to open in New Bedford in the near future. Although I am not originally from New Bedford, I have come to learn about Ms. Dottin and her contributions to New Bedford as an African American woman. I hope that you give her legacy serious consideration as this process moves forward.
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Maria Guadalupe Evangelina de Lopez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Recognized by the National Women's History Museum o Fought to preserve Spanish- and Mexican American cultural heritage (great representation for Latin Americans) o Taught ESL in LA High School then becoming a translator o Youngest instructor on staff at University of California o Ran a Spanish- Language school out of her home with her sister o President of the College Equal Suffrage League (translated suffrage materials into Spanish to reach Hispanic women) o After WWI she left teaching; took courses in auto mechanics and flying, worked as an ambulance

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o driver o Political advocacy, translating materials in labor-related initiatives on the voting ballot in Spanish
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Mary Barros	a revered Ward 4 City Councilor long active in education and women's issues
Paul Jellison	Not provided	Michael Lounge Elementary School	<p>Michael Lounge has navigated the New Bedford Public schools through some hard times. His wisdom provided much needed leadership in navigating the MCAS era. He was also the Administrative facilitator in the building of all three modern Middle Schools.</p> <p>During his tenure at New Bedford High School, it was voted A superior school for years. He is also a pillar in the community, involving himself in many charitable foundations, as well as several civic groups.</p>
Jaquelina Depina	Not provided	New Bedford Light Elementary	We do have a lighthouse and I don't think that people really remember it much. So why not give it a new meaning to New Bedford. We can have the photo of the lighthouse representing the school, with the light shining on the students. After all we have bright kids in this city! Or something to do with the lighthouse.
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Liz Hesketh	Titleist Customer Service Representative	Orchid Grammar School	Area school is located
Diane Rosa Pereira	Not provided	Peace Elementary School	By giving the name "Peace" it will help manifest a drive toward being future peacemakers. It can also serve as part of the identity of the school, and maybe special teachings on how to make peace can occur.
Brittany Machado	Educational Translation & Interpretation Specialist and New Bedford Resident	Rigoberta Menchú Tum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Born in Quiche (great representation for Latin Americans) o Nobel Prize in 1992 o Became involved in social reform activities and women's rights movement o Widely known as a leading advocate of Indian rights and ethno-cultural reconciliation, not only in Guatemala but in the Western Hemisphere o Committee of the Peasant Union (CUC) o Taught herself Spanish as well as other Mayan languages

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Educated the Indian peasant population in resistance to massive military oppression o Had to go into hiding in Guatemala and flee to Mexico because of death threats o Took part in the founding of the joint opposition body, The United Representation of the Guatemalan Opposition o Life story written by Elisabeth Burgos Debray- "I, Rigoberta Menchú" Highly recommend- great insight on the up bringing and suffering of the indigenous people o Became a member of the National Coordinating Committee o The narrator in a film "When the Mountains Tremble" that is about the struggles and suffering of the Maya people. o Upon her return to Guatemala to please the cause of the Indian peasants death threats force her to leave
Djamila Silva Monteiro	English Learner Specialist, Educational Access & Pathways Dept. at NBPS and New Bedford Resident	Rigoberta Menchú Tum	https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/peace/1992/tum/biographical/
Evander Yac	Exec. Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Southeastern Regional Voc. High School	Dr. Rob Delaleu	<p>This man has shown so much discipline, respect, and integrity. I've learned so much as a student who simply had conversations in the hall with him. I can only imagine what the students he taught in the classroom learned from him. I've known him to be a father figure to many people and I know his story would motivate many! He supports the community of color (he is also a part of it) and helps to motivate those like him to be better and more than just a stereotype. I'm sure there are many more that can speak on his character and effect on the community and youth (especially since he was a basketball coach for many years). I sincerely hope he is taken into consideration and that others nominate him and do him justice because I know I'm not even scratching the surface!!</p>
Lee Blake		Rosalind Poll-Brooker	<p>Rosalind was the first woman elected to the City Council in 1969 and also served as City Solicitor. She exemplified a life of community service and was a role model for many of the women now serving in city government and other public service areas. As a councilor she supported other women on the non-profit boards and city commissions while helping the city hear from a more diverse public. I am including a biography on Ms. Poll-Brooker that is part of the Lighting the Way project that celebrates women who have made a difference in our community. The bio also includes Ms. Poll-Brooker's obituary and articles on her leadership. https://historicwomensouthcoast.org/rosalind-poll-brooker/?hilite=Rosalind+Poll+Brooker</p>

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Paula Correia	Not provided	Ruby Dottin	I believe the school should be named after Ms Ruby Dottin. She was a community member and also a member of the school committee for many years. She has made a huge impact in our city and has worked tirelessly for civil rights and social justice in our New Bedford Schools. I hope you at least consider her name as an option.
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	Ruby Dottin	the first African American woman member of the School Committee whose dedication to city youth was legendary
Denise Porche	Not provided	Ruby Dottin	Her contributions to youth and our city were important and immense.
Robyn Burr	Not provided	Ruby Dottin	I support the naming of the proposed new school after the former NB School Committee member Ruby Dottin who was the first person of color to be elected to the NB School Committee. See: Margery V. "Ruby" Dottin - Lighting the Way, Historic Women of the SouthCoast (historicwomensouthcoast.org)
Jeanne Oliver-Foster	Not provided	Ruby Dottin	My name is Jeanne Oliver-Foster, and I grew up in New Bedford from 1955 through 1977. I am writing in support of a school in New Bedford being named after former School Committee woman for 20 years, Ruby Dottin. I was going through grades K to 12 during those years, and greatly benefitted from the Upward Bound Program at UMass. Dartmouth, during her 16 years as Director of that program. I not only received early acceptance to Bridgewater State College, now University, but also received Massachusetts State Scholarship for 4 consecutive years, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education K-8, and Music K-12. in May 1977. I recently retired from the Boston Public Schools after a career of teaching grades K-5 over 42 years. Ms. Dottin was a trailblazer in New Bedford for decades, as this article outlines, and I urge you to consider Ms. Dottin for naming a new school in her honor. Although I no longer live in New Bedford, my mother, Mary Ramos, brother Raymond Ramos, and many of my cousins have lived a lifetime in NB, which brings me back to visit quite often.
Alicia Bundy	Not provided	Tavares Elementary School	I feel the name of the new school should be named after the Tavares family. The Tavares family are well known to our city of New Bedford. Plus they are a singing family that brought fame to our city. They have been a proud family of Cape Verde.
Susan Baroody	John B. DeValles Elementary School Teacher and New Bedford Resident	Tiago Reis Academy	Since Tiago Reis was a marine who died at 19 for his country, it would be wonderful to have the new school named after him. He lived on Rivet Street as a child and attended New Bedford Schools. Mr. Reis was a Portuguese immigrant who came to this country and enlisted in the Marine Corps. at the age of 18. My suggestion is Tiago Reis Academy.

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Lori Silveira	Irwin M. Jacobs Elementary School Teacher	Hetty Green Elementary	"America's first female tycoon who dueled with the giants of the Gilded Age and amassed a fortune of \$100 million before women had the right to vote." https://www.moaf.org/publications-collections/financial-history-magazine/143/_res/id=Attachments/index=0/Hetty%20Green%20Value%20Investor.pdf
Albert Seguer	Not provided	Veterans Elementary School	There are many veterans in the surrounding area who would appreciate a school being named after the services that they have performed for our country.
Madeline Matos	Not provided	Whalers Elementary School	After all New Bedford is the Whaling City and the pride and joy of the fishermen that go out to sea and bring back a multitude of seafood the city enjoys.
Christine M. Santos	Not provided	Whaling City Elementary School	Name it after the history of our city. Back in the day we were the greatest Whaling City. We have such a rich history here in New Bedford let us Tell the World.
Joe Pereira	Not provided	Whaling City Elementary School	"History in Progress " There are many reasons for this name and its motto. (Did not provide)
Emmy Speaks	Not provided	Whaling City Elementary School	New Bedford will always be known as a Whaling City except there isn't a single school that represents the city's history. A lot of children nowadays aren't being taught about the city they are raised in. It's better for the children to grow up with a sense of pride and connection to their city. We want these children growing up in Whaling City Elementary School to preserve the city's history not for it be forgotten. And that starts by NOT naming the school that connects to its city. I went to Carlos Pacheco, Normandin, etc and you couldn't ask me why those men's names were picked and I simply do not care due to lack of connection I have to random people. But what I WOULD have a connection to is my city naming a school after the reason why we have such a cool name. Because New Bedford IS the Whaling City. Let's preserve that history!
Mario Pires	Principal of John B. DeValles Elementary School and New Bedford Resident	William "Bill" do Carmo	I'm writing to share input on the new school. I not only share this as a principal, as a former student of both Congdon and DeValles, but also as a long-term resident of, and homeowner in, the south end of New Bedford. While I did share a previous post, I have additional thoughts I'd like to share. First, it is important to note that I believe it would be morally wrong to name the school either Congdon or DeValles. Doing so would erase the century of history of one school over the other - including the experiences of students, and the countless educators that dedicated their lives to the brilliant scholars of New Bedford. It is only right to name the school something other than Congdon or DeValles. Given our rich and diverse history, I believe we need to name the school after a person of color. New Bedford has 19 elementary schools and from my research, only five elementary schools pay homage to the contributions of people of color in our community: Carney, McFadden, Gomes, Carter Brooks and DeValles (bi-racial Cape Verdean and Portuguese). Replacing the school name DeValles/Congdon with a name of a person that is not a person of color would bring this down to 4/18, which in my perspective, does not pay proper respects to the contributions of the many people of color in our community. Lastly, the history of both DeValles and Congdon warrant our new school to be named after a person of color.

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			<p>James B Congdon fought to integrate schools on the school committee. Although a white male, his life was dedicated to improving outcomes for people of color. John B DeValles was a person of color that had an indelible impact on the lives of others both on and off the battle field. I can think of no better way to recognize the contributions of both men by naming this new school after a person of color who contributed to the New Bedford community. Originally, I suggested Frederick Douglass. While I still believe this would be a powerful message to our community-at-large, I have heard that Alma Del Mar has a Frederick Douglass campus. Although I don't see this as a problem, I can understand how others might see it as confusing. As such, I'm suggesting William "Bill" do Carmo, a fierce advocate for people of color in New Bedford. (See The New Bedford Light article). In addition to William do Carmo, the following people are also noteworthy for consideration:</p>

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Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Bristol County Elementary	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Captains Cove Elementary	Not provided
Jim Means	Not provided	Clarks Cove Elementary School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Coastal Elementary	Not provided
Michael DeCicco	Not provided	Congdon-DeValles Elementary School	Not provided
Liz Hesketh	Titleist Customer Service Representative	Cove Grammar School	Not provided
Gail Drayton	Not provided	Eric Pope School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary	Not provided
Vicki Jorge	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary	Not provided
Pam Ilsey	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary	Not provided
Donna Trahan	Not provided	Frederick Douglass Elementary	Not provided
Pam Ilsey	Not provided	Herman Melville	Not provided
Peter Kane	Not provided	Herman Melville Elementary School	Not provided
Michael Bernier	Not provided	Herman Melville Elementary School	Not provided
Michael Bernier	Not provided	Jon Mitchell Elementary School	Not provided
Liz Hesketh	Titleist Customer Service Representative	Jon Mitchell Grammar School	Not provided
Priscilla Guillemette	Not provided	Kennedy School	Not provided
Not provided	Not provided	Make America Great Again Learning Center	Not provided
Liz Hesketh	Titleist Customer Service Representative	Moby Dick Grammar School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	New Bedford South Elementary	Not provided
Kevin Murray	Not provided	New Bedford South End Academy	Not provided
Kevin Murray	Not provided	New Bedford Southside Elementary School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Orchard Street Elementary	Not provided
Gail Drayton	Not provided	Rosemary Tierney School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	South Coast Elementary	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	South End Elementary	Not provided
Kevin Murray	Not provided	South Side Elementary School	Not provided
Kevin Murray	Not provided	Southside New Bedford Elementary School	Not provided
Timothy Atchison	Not provided	Tavares Middle School	Not provided
Brittany Baret Ramirez	Not provided	Whales Tail Elementary	Not provided
Chester Tillson	Not provided	Whaling city elementary	Not provided
Not provided	Not provided	Whaling City Elementary	Not provided
Mark Barbosa	Not provided	Whaling City Elementary	Not provided
Raymond Cabral	Not provided	Whaling City Middle School	Not provided