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March 5, 2013

Dr. Preston Williams, Superintendent

Urbana School District #116

205 North Race Street

Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Dr. Preston Williams,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of Urbana High School (UHS). UHS would like to request that the Urbana School District #116 officially name a permanent place at UHS for three individuals who have given many years of dedicated time and commitment to the UHS community. A school level committee of five teachers and administrators met to review the attached letters from Mr. Greg Hall, UHS Athletic Director. After discussing each proposal, the committee recommended that we submit these proposals to you and the Board of Education for your review and consideration.

We would like to propose that we name the UHS weight room after the late John Gremer. Because of his commitment to UHS and the athletic programs, we would like to rename the UHS weight room to the John Gremer Strength and Conditioning Facility. Additionally, we would like to propose that we name the UHS wrestling room after Wayne Mammen. Wayne Mammen was a long-time teacher and coach at UHS and dedicated his tenure to the wrestling program. We would like to rename the wrestling room to the Wayne Mammen Wrestling Room. Lastly, we would like to propose that we name the UHS basketball court after the late Judge Fred Green. Judge Green was a stellar athlete at UHS and a prominent figure in the Urbana community. We would like to name the floor at the UHS Oscar Adams Gym in his honor as the Judge Fred Green Court.

Please review the attached letters for more details related to each individual and why we believe these honors are validated. It is our belief that recognizing key individuals of Urbana's history only strengthens our solidarity as a community moving forward.

Sincerely,

Joe Wiemelt

UHS Interim Principal

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March 1, 2013

Dear Mr. Wiemelt,

I am writing you this letter on the behalf of the late Judge Fred Green. Judge Green is an alum of Urbana High School (UHS), who had a stellar career as a high school athlete and was a prominent figure in the Urbana community as an adult. As a senior football player, Judge Green played on an undefeated Urbana team, and at the end of the season, he received all-state honors. In basketball, Judge Green helped the UHS team to reach a great deal of team success as he earned several personal accolades. During the 1940 basketball season, Judge Green led UHS to the Big 12 Title. When Judge Green was a senior on the 1941 team, he led UHS to the state championship game, where Urbana lost to Morton High School by one point. At the end of the 1941 season, Judge Green was awarded all-state honors in basketball. Judge Green's achievements in basketball earned him induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, and he is also a charter member of the UHS Hall of Fame.

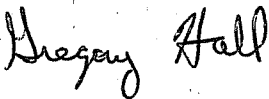
After high school, Judge Green had the opportunity to attend the University of Illinois (UI) and play basketball for the Fighting Illini, but he chose to enlist in the army and go to war. While serving in the military, Judge Green earned a Bronze Star for heroism in the Philippines. Once his tour of duty was over, Judge Green enrolled at UI where he went on to become a four-time varsity letter-winner in men's basketball, and he helped the team win the Big 10 title in 1949.

Judge Green's list of accomplishments did not end when his playing days were over. In 1951, Judge Green graduated from the UI College of Law. Five years after graduation, he was elected county judge. Judge Green was elected to the position of Circuit Judge in 1964, and he became an appellate judge in 1974 and maintained this role until 1998 when he retired. In 1967, Judge Green joined the Illinois Judicial Conference Executive Committee, and he served as the committee's chairman in 1976-77. While practicing law, Judge Green had an outstanding reputation. Judge Green was considered to be one of the fairest judges, and he had an outstanding work ethic. As Judge Green continued to practice law in his later years, he worked at a pace and maintained a level of production that his younger counterparts could not match.

To this day, the name Judge Fred Green is well-respected in the field of law and the Urbana community. Many individuals would even argue that there is not another student-athlete in UHS history that is more decorated than Judge Green. As a result of Judge Green's many accomplishments as a student-athlete, soldier, and a judge in the Illinois court system, I feel it is appropriate to honor Judge Green by giving his name a permanent place on the UHS campus. At this time, I would like to recommend that floor in the UHS Oscar Adam's Gym be named Judge Green Court in honor of the late Judge Green and all of his contributions to UHS and the Urbana community.

If you have any further questions and/or concerns regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory Hall".

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Asst. Principal/Athletic Director  
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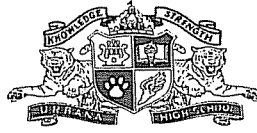
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February 27, 2013

Dear Mr. Wiemelt,

I am writing this letter to you on the behalf of the late Mr. John Gremer. Mr. Gremer was a long-time teacher and coach at Urbana High School (UHS), who provided more than 30 years of service to the Urbana School District as a physical education teacher and a drivers' education instructor. As a coach, Mr. Gremer was a member of the football coaching staff, and he helped the team to six Big 12 Titles and five playoff appearances. When Mr. Gremer was the head coach of the wrestling team, he coached 16 individual state qualifiers and one district championship team. In baseball, Mr. Gremer was the head coach of the program, and he led the team to Big 12 and District titles. After Mr. Gremer retired from coaching during the mid-eighties, he was inducted into the UHS Hall of Fame, and he served on the Hall of Fame Committee for many years.

Mr. Gremer spent the majority of his life working for the Urbana School District, and he had a positive impact on the lives of many young people throughout his career in education. Because Mr. Gremer made so many positive contributions to the school district and the Urbana community, I feel it is appropriate for the district to honor Mr. Gremer and his life-long commitment to education by giving his name a permanent place on the UHS campus. At this time, I would like to propose that the UHS weight room be recognized as the John Gremer Strength and Conditioning Facility in honor of the late Mr. Gremer. Mr. Gremer spent a great deal of his career working with student-athletes to help them become better competitors and citizens; therefore, I feel it is quite fitting to preserve the John Gremer legacy in this manner.

If you have any further questions and/or concerns regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

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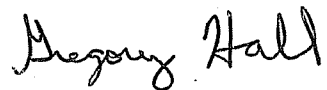
I am writing this letter to you on the behalf of Mr. Wayne Mammen. Mr. Mammen was a long-time teacher and coach at Urbana High School (UHS), who provided more than 30 years of service to the Urbana School District as a physical education teacher and a drivers' education instructor. As a coach, Mr. Mammen was the head coach of the wrestling team, and he led the team to great success during his tenure. Under the leadership of Mr. Mammen, the wrestling team won three consecutive Big 12 titles from 1983 to 1985. The wrestling team also achieved success in the IHSA state series under the guidance of Mr. Mammen as they won nine consecutive regional titles from 1982 to 1990.

With the great team success that the wrestling program achieved during this period of time, UHS was able to produce a number of outstanding individual wrestlers. Mr. Mammen coached a number of state qualifiers and state place-winners with two of his most successful wrestlers being his sons, Mark and Kirk Mammen. Mark was a state qualifier in '84 and '85, and Kirk was a state champion wrestler in '86 and '87. Most recently, Mr. Mammen's grandson, Cameron, won a state championship at the 170 lbs. weight class in the IHSA state series. In addition to coaching wrestling, Mr. Mammen spent many years as part of the UHS football coaching staff, and in 1992 he assumed the role of head coach. When Mr. Mammen's illustrious coaching career was done, he was inducted into the UHS Hall of Fame.

Since his arrival at UHS, the Mammen name has been synonymous with the UHS wrestling program and its pursuit of excellence. Because Mr. Mammen put so many years of hard work and dedication into the wrestling program, I feel that it would be appropriate for the school district to give the Mammen name a permanent place on the UHS campus. At this time, I would like to propose that the UHS wrestling room be recognized as the Wayne Mammen Wrestling Room in honor of Mr. Mammen. Mr. Mammen spent a great deal of his career building relationships with student-athletes and shaping their lives through the sport of wrestling. Therefore, I feel it is quite fitting to preserve the Wayne Mammen legacy in this manner.

If you have any further questions and/or concerns regarding this proposal, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory Hall". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Gregory Hall

Asst. Principal/Athletic Director

Urbana High School

## Operational Services

### Facility Management and Building Programs

The Superintendent shall manage the District's facilities and grounds as well as facility construction and building programs in accordance with law, the standards set forth in this policy, and other applicable Board of Education policies. The Superintendent or designee shall facilitate: (1) inspections of schools by the Regional Superintendent and State Fire Marshal or designee, and (2) review of plans and specifications for future construction or alterations of a school if requested by the relevant municipality, county (if applicable), or fire protection district.

#### Standards for Managing Buildings and Grounds

All District buildings and grounds shall be adequately maintained in order to provide an appropriate, safe, and energy efficient physical environment for learning and teaching. The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports on maintenance data and projected maintenance needs that include cost analysis. This policy is not intended to discourage efforts to improve the appearance of buildings or grounds that are consistent with the designated use of those buildings and grounds.

#### Standards for Green Cleaning

For each District school with 50 or more students, the Superintendent or designee shall establish and supervise a green cleaning program that complies with the guidelines established by the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council.

#### Standards for Facility Construction and Building Programs

As appropriate, the Board will authorize a comprehensive study to determine the need for facility construction and expansion. On an annual basis, the Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with projected facility needs, enrollment trends, and other data impacting facility use. Board approval is needed for all new facility construction and expansion.

When making decisions pertaining to design and construction of school facilities, the Board will confer with members of the staff and community, the Illinois State Board of Education, and educational and architectural consultants, as it deems appropriate. The Board's facility goals are to:

1. Integrate facilities planning with other aspects of planning and goal-setting.
2. Base educational specifications for school buildings on identifiable student needs.
3. Design buildings for sufficient flexibility to permit new or modified programs.
4. Design buildings for maximum potential for community use.
5. Meet or exceed all safety requirements.
6. Meet requirements on the accessibility of school facilities to disabled persons as specified in State and federal law.
7. Provide for low maintenance costs, energy efficiency, and minimal environmental impact.

#### Naming Buildings and Facilities

The Board of Education recognizes that respect and gratitude for individuals who have made significant contributions to the Urbana School District and the community may be expressed by naming a school building and/or facility in honor of those individuals. Acknowledgment in this manner perpetuates the memory of the contribution and provides a sense of history for future students, staff, and residents. Any District 116 building or facility may be designated to be named. Names may include living or deceased person who has made significant contributions to the district through longevity or service, exemplary leadership, philanthropic contributions or other significant

means. To eliminate spontaneous or emotional response, typically nominations will not be considered until three years after the service, contribution or death of the individual or the last designation of a name for the building or facility.

This policy does not bind the Board of Education to name buildings or facilities after persons who have contributed to the district. Other memorials such as plaques, scholarships, plantings, furnishings, equipment, or art are also appropriate memorials for commemoration of outstanding contributions to the district.

All facilities and grounds currently in existence or built or purchased in the future will be governed by the following procedures:

1. The placement of any memorial plaque on school grounds or in school facilities requires the prior approval of the Superintendent.
2. The placing of trees, plants and/or shrubs on school grounds will have prior approval from the Superintendent's office before planting. All requests must be in writing to the Superintendent of Schools.
3. Any concrete, steel or other building material that is placed on school grounds will require written approval from the Superintendent's office and be placed as designated by that office. Approval should be sought during the planning stage to assure agreement on placement.
4. All requests for the naming of facilities, auditoriums, libraries and grounds must be presented to the Superintendent through a formal letter with the reason(s) for the request. A committee will be appointed by the Superintendent for each request. The committee has the responsibility to review any suggestions submitted in writing, study the impact of the requested recognition on the school, the district and community, and make a recommendation to the full Board of Education for the acceptance or rejections of the request.

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.  
20 ILCS 3130/, Green Buildings Act.  
105 ILCS 5/10-20.49, 5/10-22.36, 5/17-2.11, 140/, and 230/.  
410 ILCS 25/, Environmental Barriers Act.  
820 ILCS 130/, Prevailing Wage Act.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 151, School Construction Program; Part 180, Health/Life Safety Code for Public Schools; and Part 2800, Green Cleaning for Elementary and Secondary Schools.  
71 Ill.Admin.Code Part 400, Ill. Accessibility Code.

CROSS REF.: 2:150 (Committees), 2:170 (Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services), 4:60 (Purchases and Contracts), 8:70 (Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities)

ADOPTED: September 21, 2010