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Report No. 44

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

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SUBJECT: Proposal Presentation to Recognize Coach Penny Raftis-Sharrow

DATE: August 28, 2018

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education shall, by majority vote, approve the naming, renaming, or dedication of any building or facility or any part thereof owned by the District.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

To be proposed: to name the access road directly behind the Golden Dome the: ***THE PENNY RAFTIS SHARROW DRIVE***  
As per the attached proposal submitted by Dr. Diane Para, OFA Class of 1982, Margaret Langley, OFA Class of 1975, Lisa Boyer, OFA Class of 1975, Dianne Jeneault, OFA Class of 1984, Julie Hynes, OFA Class of 1985 and Amy Farrell, OFA Class of 1995

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

For discussion and possible action.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:

  
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Superintendent

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**Proposal Presentation to:**  
Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education

**July 2, 2018**

**To Be Proposed:** To name the access road directly behind the Golden Dome

***Penny Raftis Sharrow Drive***

In recognition of her dedication and contribution to the growth and advancement of girls athletics at Ogdensburg Free Academy and her success as an educator and coach of four different sports throughout her 33 year career. In total, she has coached 88 seasons of athletic competition in six different sports each with the same conviction and dedication in encouraging and supporting young student athletes to be their best academically and athletically.

Coach Sharrow was not just a coach during her tenure. She was a determined advocate and fighter for equity in the girls programs providing a passionate voice to ensure that female athletes and programs were not just treated the same as the boys programs but more importantly valued the same.

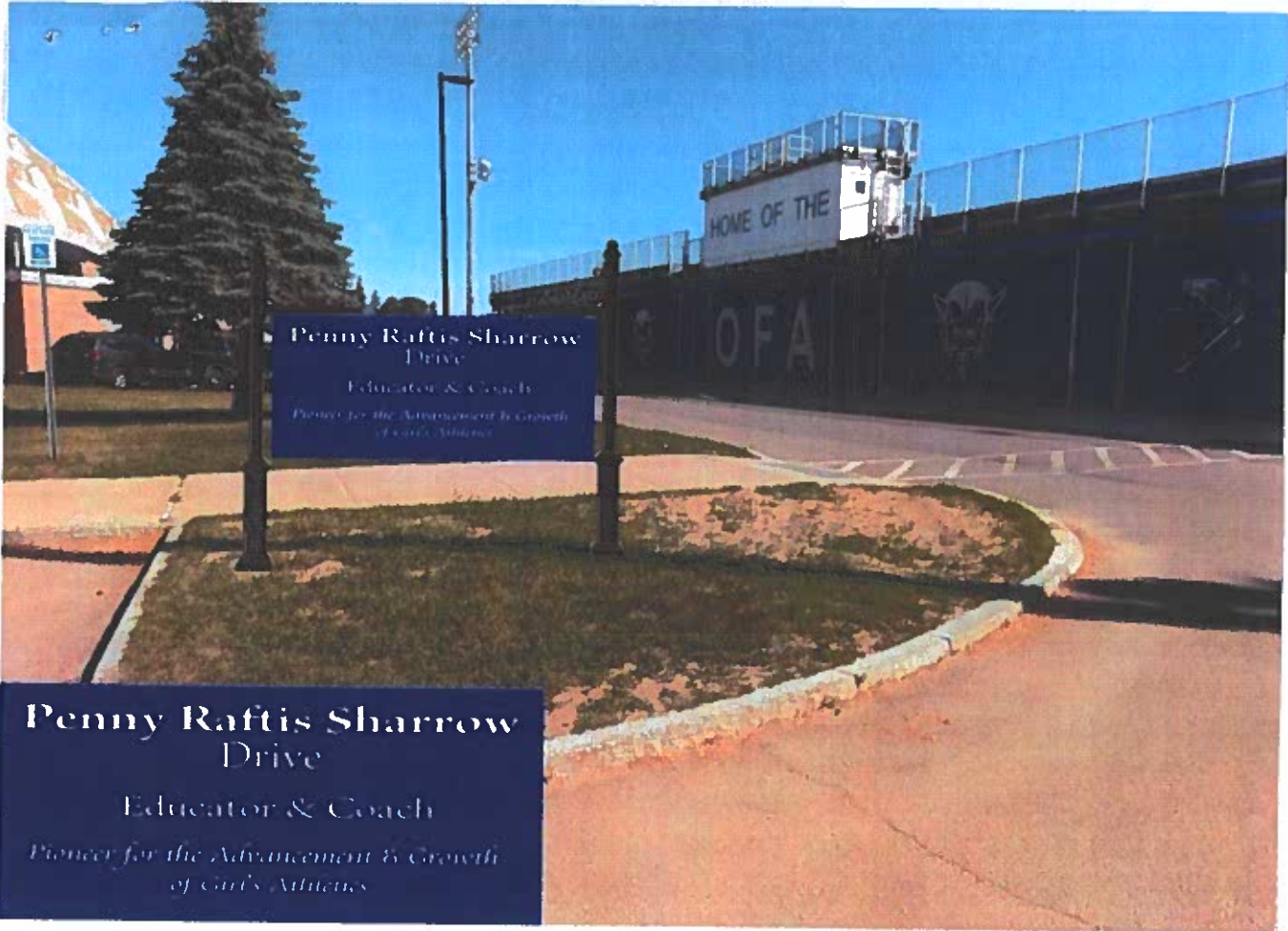
Though Coach Sharrow has demonstrated success as a coach in multiple sports including Century Club Award winner for 100 or more wins in two sports; her unwavering commitment to the advancement of high school girl's athletics and the athletes she coached, far surpasses the significance of wins and titles.

During her time at O.F.A., Coach Sharrow was a committed and dedicated professional, a mentor, advocate, and cheerleader for the hundreds of student-athletes she influenced over 33 years and was tireless in the pursuit of athletic equity and support for the development and growth of girl's athletics. As such, she is a significant contributor to the legacies of OFA athletics and the naming of the Penny Sharrow Raftis Drive is surely a fitting testimony to those legacies.

We would like to include as part of this proposal suggested signage, appearance, and location for a sign to recognize the naming.

**Respectfully Submitted/Presented by:**

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**Penny Raftis Sharrow  
Drive**

**Educator & Coach**

*Pioneer for the Advancement & Growth  
of Girl's Athletics*