

May 13 Board Meeting Statement for Action Item

Last month, the NC family and the WT community lost a champion when Mr. Paul Loggan lost his battle with COVID. The community outpouring of support for the NC staff as well as the Loggan family was heartwarming. Dr. Woodson collaborated with NC administration, the Board and the Loggan family to determine the best way to honor Mr. Loggan's 31 year history and dedication to NC. From community suggestions and additional collaboration naming something at NC came to mind right away. The Loggan family debated on the stadium or the future new west gym addition to NC and ultimately decided on the west gym with the passage of the referendum. Below is a statement directly from the Loggan family:

"Paul Loggan lived and breathed North Central High School and Washington Township Schools. He accomplished many things in his life but one of his proudest accomplishments was being a part of the Washington Township family and raising our own family in such an amazing community. From a young age starting out as a teacher and a coach there was nothing more that Paul wanted but for his student athletes to have what other school districts had to offer their student population. Often he would come home and say "if only we could have what they have, we wouldn't be losing our student athletes to other school districts". As an assistant athletic director for so long and then as your athletic director, Paul always put his student athletes first. When often asked by others why he would host so many events he would respond "so I can give our athletes the opportunity to be able to play in front of their families and fans and an opportunity to maybe make a little money to put back in our athletic fund for our student athletes.

Every time we would attend an athletic event at another school district Paul would look at their facilities and speak to their athletic directors about what they liked and what they would change. He would ask how it made their school days better for their Physical Education classes and Strength and Conditioning classes. Paul was always thinking of ways to better our school district and to attract more students. He wanted everyone to be able to say they are a NORTH CENTRAL PANTHER and be proud of it!

Naming the west gym after Paul would be an amazing way to honor him. He gave everything he had to Washington Township Schools and I know that if he had an opportunity to do it again, he would not hesitate. He ran into a burning gymnasium to get students out of locker rooms while I was pregnant with our first child. He never once thought about anyone but the students. When the football boosters chartered a bus to go to a game in Jeffersonville and on the way home the bus crashed and all of the parents were rushed to area hospitals, Paul stayed with the players until they were all placed with a loved one before he found me in a hospital because he knew I understood his place was with his players. I am sorry if I am rambling but you MUST understand, he is North Central.

Putting his name on a building is not going to bring him back, but to every student athlete whose life he touched or to the many in our community who was blessed to know him it would be an honor that he so deserves.

The Loggan Family

Kathy

Michael NC Class of 2014

Will NC Class of 2018

Sami NC Class of 2020"

It is an honor to present the resolution this evening to the Board to approve the resolution to name future west gym at NC in honor of Mr. Paul Loggan. The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, beloved Athletic Director and long-time North Central High School educator, Paul Loggan passed away on April 12, 2020 due to challenges caused by the coronavirus;

WHEREAS, Mr. Loggan was known as a friend, a mentor, a teacher, a coach and a father-figure among his many roles at North Central High School, where he had worked for more than three decades;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan School District of Washington Township School Board, at the recommendation of Dr. Nikki Woodson, desires to honor Mr. Loggan and his family for years to come by naming the proposed, new West Gymnasium at North Central High School in his honor;

WHEREAS, pursuant board policy 7250, Naming a facility, an interior or exterior spaces, or a structure for an individual, organization, or corporation is one of the highest honors that the District can bestow. This recognition is an ongoing affirmation of the honoree's connection and dedication to the District's educational community;

WHEREAS, in the event the proposed, new West Gymnasium fails to develop, the Superintendent or her designee will take other steps to honor Paul Loggan in a similar manner pursuant policy 7250.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Education supports the Superintendent's recommendation to honor Paul Loggan by naming the proposed, new West Gymnasium at North Central High School in his honor. The Superintendent or her designee is further authorized to take all necessary steps to implement the actions authorized by this Resolution, pending the outcome of the June 2 Construction Referendum.