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Chino Valley USD Board of Education Welcomes Community Comments Regarding Process to Name Basketball Court in the Mark Hargrove Memorial Gymnasium at Chino High School *Name considerations include long-time Chino High School coaches, Frank Elder and Joe Murillo.*

Chino, CA – During the February 2, 2023, regular meeting of the Chino Valley Unified School District Board of Education, Board President Sonja Shaw requested the Board consider naming the new basketball court in the Mark Hargrove Memorial Gymnasium at Chino High School after former basketball coaches Frank Elder and Joseph Murillo.

As part of its process and in accordance with Board Policy 7310, Naming of Facilities, the Board of Education will begin to accept public comments and recommendations regarding President Shaw's request to consider naming the Chino High School basketball court after Frank Elder and Joe Murillo. Comments and recommendations will be accepted online at <https://www.chino.k12.ca.us/Page/53907> from February 17 through March 19, 2023.

During its April 6, 2023, regular meeting, the Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the proposed naming and entertain additional public comments. The item shall come before the Board of Education during its regular meeting on April 20, 2023, where members will take action after entertaining final public comments.

From 1978 to 2007, Joe Murillo served as the women's basketball coach at Chino High. Under Mr. Murillo's leadership, the Chino High School women's basketball program enjoyed 16 league championship titles and won a total of three CIF championships in 1981, 1986, and 1988. In 2004, the court floor in the Frank Elder Gym was named Joe Murillo Court.

Frank Elder, affectionately known as Mr. Chino, was a valued member of the Chino Valley Unified School District from 1937 to 1973. During his tenure with the District, Mr. Elder devoted 26 years to coaching basketball at Chino High School. Following his retirement, the Chino High School gymnasium – which he assisted in designing – was dedicated in his honor on February 5, 1974. After a rededication in 1998, the Chino High School gymnasium located off Park Place still boasts his namesake.

About Chino Valley Unified School District:

Founded in 1860, Chino Valley Unified School District serves approximately 26,000 students across 35 schools within the Chino Valley and South Ontario areas. Home to 18 California Distinguished schools, students receive a rigorous, 21st century education in preparation for college and career. Thriving performing arts and athletic programs, nationally recognized marching bands and engaging parent-school partnerships distinguish Chino Valley Unified School District as one of the best school districts in California. For more information about Chino Valley Unified School district, please visit www.chino.k12.ca.us.

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