

Over the past month, we received the following suggestions for naming the newly merged Saltonstall and Carlton Schools:

Suggestion	Description
Point Elementary Cove Elementary Cove Point Elementary	To honor the location and the community (the Point Neighborhood and Palmer Cove).
Robert Morris	Robert Morris was born in Salem. He was the first Black man to be admitted to the Massachusetts State Bar. He represented Black children and families in their quest to integrate public schools during the same time period that Leverett Saltonstall championed educational segregation. Robert Morris argued for desegregation of Salem's schools in the 1800s. He was successful in his petition to the school committee.
Sarah Parker Remond Elementary/Parker Remond Elementary School	Sarah Parker Remond was directly impacted by the decision to segregate Salem Public Schools. In 1835, Ms. Remond tested into Salem Public Schools, but following protests from the community was expelled just a week later. She moved out of Salem and became a well-respected physician and abolitionist.
Forten Grimké Elementary School	Charlotte Forten Grimké (1837-1914) was Salem State University's first African American graduate as a part of the class of 1856. For 65 years Charlotte was a tireless advocate for the end of slavery; equality for women and people of color; and education for all. During her life, she was an abolitionist, educator, writer, poet, translator, and women's rights activist.
Salem Compass Elementary	This name has a deep maritime meaning (navigation, Salem seaport history), promotes innovation- helping students find their own direction, is equity aligned as every learner receives guidance and is extremely child-friendly.
Salem Pathfinders Elementary	Fostering exploration and discovery, this name highlights individual pathways, student agency, and curiosity, encouraging risk-taking and creative problem-solving. Equity is expressed through each student developing a unique learning map, actively shaping their goals and progress while contributing to a compassionate community.
Salem Waypoint Elementary	A waypoint represents meaningful checkpoints along each student's learning journey, emphasizing continuous progress, reflection, and incremental growth. It supports goal-setting and adaptive learning paths, empowering students to track their progress, celebrate milestones, and exercise agency as they grow.
Salem Harborlight Elementary	Drawing on Salem's maritime heritage, the lighthouse metaphor represents guidance, safety, and belonging in a warm, nurturing K-5 environment. Salem Harborlight Elementary supports every learner in charting their own path with agency and creativity, fostering curiosity, problem-solving, and confidence within an inclusive community.

Anchor Point Innovation Elementary School	The name honors Salem's rich maritime history, connecting the school to the community and environment that surrounds it. Just as sailors use anchor points to stay grounded while navigating new waters, the new school will provide a strong foundation for students as they explore learning in creative and meaningful ways
Carltonstall	Developed by combining the names of the existing schools - Carlton and Saltonstall.
Clarissa Lawrence	Clarissa Lawrence was one of the first Black teachers in Salem. She moved from Pennsylvania to Salem to access an integrated education. Ms. Lawrence graduated from the Salem Normal School (now Salem State University) and was the first Black teacher to be hired to teach in a predominantly White school in Salem. She founded the Salem Female Anti-Slavery Society.
Salem Lighthouse Elementary Salem Daymark Elementary Salem Lightship Elementary Salem Oceanview Elementary	These names evoke the idea of being a steady presence and a point of orientation. A place that helps guide students as they grow, learn, and find their way. The imagery of light is especially meaningful, symbolizing hope, knowledge, and the responsibility we have to look out for one another, and keeping the light bright within ourselves.
Salem Vista Mar* Elementary	To further reflect the diverse cultures and languages represented within our school community, Salem Vista Mar Elementary, a name that honors our coastal setting while embracing a broader, more inclusive linguistic tradition. This name reinforces the idea that the school is a shared home, shaped by many perspectives and lived experiences. Vista mar (in Spanish) translates to sea view.
Dunwiddle	Named after the school in the book series Upside-Down Magic. In the books, the school is a diverse and welcoming community that supports students with unique (magical) needs. It shows how dedicated teachers can find fun and creative ways to help kids with specific learning needs and help their unusual abilities flourish.
Saltonstall	Leverett Saltonstall (June 13, 1783 – May 8, 1845), was a member of the United States House of Representatives from Massachusetts who also served as Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, President of the Massachusetts Senate, the first Mayor of Salem, Massachusetts and a Member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard College. The Saltonstall family had a rich history of public service in both Salem and at the state level.

Thank you to everyone who offered their ideas and insights. These recommendations have been shared with the Salem School Committee. The Committee is expected to discuss the name of the new school at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m.**

Sincerely,

Steve