

Recommendation for a Campus Memorial

December 12, 2018

The Memorial Committee, whose membership includes community members, family members who lost a student on 10/1, city and county officials, students from 2015, faculty, staff, administrators, and Board of Education representatives, has been meeting since January 2017 and now has a recommendation for a 10/1/2015 campus memorial.

The recommendation follows almost two years of discussion that included consideration of the number of memorial sites to be proposed, the location of memorial sites, the design of the memorials, and the logistics of design. After considerable deliberation as well as listening sessions on campus, the committee decided two sites were desirable: one to be located on campus and one to be located in a city or county park.

The committee created a subcommittee for each of the two locations. Ideas were brought to the primary committee for locations on and off campus. A consensus was reached by both subcommittees and agreed upon by the primary committee. A design concept was developed for the campus location.

The committee submitted its recommendation for location and design of the campus memorial to President Thatcher, who in turn reviewed the recommendation with the Senior Leadership Team. They concurred with the recommendation, acknowledging the depth of the committee's deliberations and trusting the committee process. We are fortunate to have a committee that has so thoughtfully determined a meaningful way to remember those we lost on 10/1/15.

The recommended location is behind Jackson Hall and ESB. The proposed design is elegantly simple and takes advantage of the natural beauty of the setting. We are requesting the Board's approval of the site and authorization to proceed with the project's design, fundraising, and construction.

