SANTA ROSA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NAMING OF FACILITY - RECOMMENDATION FORM

Nominations for the naming of: Piner High School Gym Court to be named Coach Mike Ericson Court

Nominations for naming a school or individual buildings shall be reviewed according to the criteria and procedures as set out in Board Policy 7310.

Name Nominated:	Mike Ericksen
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Additional Required Attachments

Please include information with this nomination forms that address the following:

1. Rationale:
   - Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the county or community
   - Individuals, living or deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance
   - The geographic area in which the school or building is located
2. Biography of the Nominee
3. Letter of permission from individual or family

Return this form along with supporting information to:

Santa Rosa City School District
Office of Superintendent
211 Ridgway Drive
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Piner High School

Mrs. Andrea Correia
Principal

Mr. Ryan Thompson
Vice Principal

Mrs. Norma Vasquez
Assistant Principal

Mrs. Guadalupe Perez-Cook
Assistant Principal

October 22, 2025

Submitted by Andrea Correia: Piner High School Principal

Overview

Mike Erickson dedicated 33 years to leading the Piner High School Boys Basketball program, serving as only the second head coach in the school's history after being recruited by the original Coach Gaddie. Known affectionately as "Coach," Mike exemplified patience, deep knowledge of the game, and exceptional strategic ability. He had a rare talent for bringing out the very best in his players—often transforming teams that others might overlook into highly competitive and successful squads. In addition to his remarkable coaching career, Coach Erickson was a longtime teacher at Piner High School, retiring just this past year. In recognition of his decades of service, leadership, and impact on generations of students and athletes, we propose naming the currently unnamed gym floor the **Coach Mike Erickson Court**, commemorated with an official sign, plaque, and painted lettering on the gym court.

Retired from Basketball Coach 2024 (over 13 months ago)
Retired from Teaching 2025

Goals

Name the unnamed gym floor and also install a sign/plaque and painted lettering on the court.

Specifications

Install a sign, plaque on the gym wall, and have the floor painted with "Coach Mike Erickson Court," then covered and rewaxed.

Cost

No cost to the district or school site - donations have been committed.

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Proposed Text of Plaque

This Court is dedicated to Coach Mike Erickson, legendary Piner High School Basketball Coach, and all the kids who played for him. 1991 - 2024

Thank you for your commitment to Piner High School and for the positive influence you have had on thousands of Piner High School student-athletes.

Milestones & Community Contributions

For more than three decades, **Coach Mike Erickson** has been the heart and soul of Piner High School Basketball. Since taking over the program in 1991, Coach has built far more than a winning team—he has built a community. His leadership, mentorship, and commitment to student-athletes have shaped generations of players, colleagues, and young coaches across the North Bay. Known for turning raw potential into disciplined excellence, Coach Erickson's influence reaches far beyond the court.

His legacy can be seen not only in the banners that hang in the gym but in the lives of the countless students he has inspired.

Career Highlights and Contributions:

- **33 seasons** as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at Piner High School (1991–2024)
- Only the **second head coach** in the history of Piner High School Boys Basketball
- **Seven (7) North Bay League Championships** under his leadership
- **Ten (10) 2nd-place finishes** in the NBL and the former Sonoma County League
- **Press Democrat Redwood Empire Coach of the Year:** 1999, 2000, 2005
- **YSN 365 Coach of the Year:** 2015
- **NorCal Preps Division 3 Coaching Award:** 2002
- **Multiple-time NBL Coach of the Year**, most recently in 2020

- Recognized as one of the **winningest coaches in Santa Rosa City Schools basketball history**

- **Founder and organizational manager** of the Sonoma County Classic Basketball Tournament

- **Member of the Piner High School Hall of Fame Board**, celebrating excellence in athletics and service

- **Longtime classroom teacher**, guiding freshmen in College Foundations courses focused on organization, resilience, and life success

- **Dedicated mentor** to young coaches—many of whom played for him and now carry his values into their own programs

- **Champion for Piner High School**, leading fundraisers, supporting student programs, and fostering school pride across generations

Coach Erickson's Enduring Impact:
Coach has always reminded his players, *"It's about the kids, not me."* That humble spirit defines his career. He has built character, modeled integrity, and inspired young people to work hard, believe in themselves, and face challenges with honor—win or lose.

In the words of John Wooden, *"People want to believe you are sincerely interested in them as persons, not just for what they can do for you."* Coach Erickson embodies that philosophy completely. His leadership, compassion, and commitment have left an indelible mark on Piner High School and the broader North Bay athletic community.

<u>Other Examples of Facilities with Separate Court Names</u>

- St. Landry
- Newark High School
- Dartmouth High School
- Miramonte High School
- Greenwich Day High School
- Mayfield High School
- Serra High School

More examples can be found

Coach Mike Erickson - Stats 1991-2024

1990-1991 Gonzalas High	8-15	N/A
1991-1992 Piner High	15-12	4th
1992-1993 Piner High	7-17	6th
1993-1994 Piner High	9-16	5th
1994-1995 Piner High	16-10	4th
1995-1996 Piner High	24-6	**League Champion PHS 2nd Title**
1996-1997 Piner High	20-9	2nd
1997-1998 Piner High	22-7	2nd
1998-1999 Piner High	29-1	**League Champion**
1999-2000 Piner High	26-5	**League Champion**
2000-2001 Piner High	19-9	2nd
2001-2002 Piner High	24-8	2nd
2002-2003 Piner High	13-14	3rd
2003-2004 Piner High	23-7	2nd
2004-2005 Piner High	27-3	**League Champion**
2005-2006 Piner High	8-18	5th
2006-2007 Piner High	13-14	4th
2007-2008 Piner High	20-7	**League Champion**
2008-2009 Piner High	22-8	2nd
2009-2010 Piner High	9-17	4th
2010-2011 Piner High	9-16	6th
2011-2012 Piner High	13-13	5th
2012-2013 Piner High	15-12	3rd
2013-2014 Piner High	17-11	2nd
2014-2015 Piner High	20-7	2nd
2015-2016 Piner High	14-12	2nd
2016-2017 Piner High	15-12	4th
2017-2018 Piner High	21-8	2nd
2018-2019 Piner High	19-9	3rd
2019-2020 Piner High	26-3	**League Champion**
2020-2021 Piner High	4-8 (Covid)	Covid
2021-2022 Piner High	17-9	**League Champion**
2022-2023 Piner High	19-9	4th
2023-2024 Piner High	15-7 (so far)	TBD

Total wins AT Piner High School (1991-2024) **570** (as of 1/25/2024)

7 League Titles

10 2nd Place Finishes