



A MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

LEGACY STORY

Sharing stories of enduring gifts made through Madison Public Schools Foundation.

Doug and Patricia Ritchie

Doug and Patricia Ritchie’s legacy endures...

Doug served as MMSD superintendent from 1967 to 1980. Over his tenure, he worked tirelessly to promote learning opportunities for all students and teachers. To this day, hallmarks of his service continue, most especially in the number of elementary and middle schools built during his career.

20 years after he retired, Doug was a driving force, along with Don Hafeman and Howard Landsman, in the creation in 2001 of the Foundation for Madison’s Public Schools, now known as the Madison Public Schools Foundation. Along the way, Patricia supported Doug in all his efforts to ensure a thriving Madison public school system. She was, in the words of her son, John, the "Superintendent of our Family, managing the household with five children."

The difference they made is reflected in the comments made by their friends and colleagues...

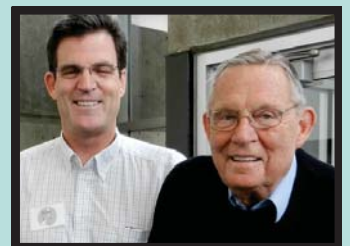
“Committed to his family, students, and community.”

Respectful and remembered as a “good man and a great mentor to beginning teachers”.

“Honored for their passion for public education and Madison’s public schools.”

Beloved and “everyone’s favorite teacher”

In recognition of their parents’ lifelong commitment to public education, their sons, Robert, Thomas, John, and Richard, established the Douglas and Patricia Ritchie Memorial Endowment Fund, which supports the Foundation’s mission, programs and services in perpetuity. The fund celebrates Doug and Patricia and their enduring commitment to public K12 education.



To create your own legacy for Madison public schools, contact Melinda Heinritz, President, Madison Public Schools Foundation at mheinritz@SchoolsMakeMadison.org or 608.210.6902.



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