J.E.B. Stuart Renaming Process
Update and Recommendation to RPS School Board

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J.E.B. Stuart Renaming Process

Presentation Outline

• What We Did: Overview of the Renaming Process
• What We Heard: Community Suggestions & Voting Results
• Next Steps: Where We Go From Here
What We Did

Established A Renaming Team
A “Renaming Team” was established to organize the community engagement sessions. The team had 2 students, teachers, administrators, families, community partners, and school board members.

Held Public Input Sessions
RPS held five public input sessions to solicit suggestions for new names for the elementary school.
- Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 PM (J.E.B. Stuart)
- Saturday, May 19, 10:00 AM (J.E.B. Stuart)
- Tuesday, May 22, 6:00 PM (Virginia Union University)
- Monday, June 4, 6:00 PM (School Board Meeting)
- Monday, June 18, 6:00 PM (School Board Meeting)

Solicited Online Input
We also launched a part of the RPS website to allow the community to provide their suggestions online.
What We Did

Engaged the School Community

We held a session for students at J.E.B. Stuart to engage in the renaming process of their school. Superintendent Kamras led a brainstorming activity with students to gather their recommendations for new names.
What We Heard

Proposed Names

Barack Obama Elementary  Henry Elementary
Benjamin Franklin Elementary  Clark Elementary
George Bush Elementary  Smart Elementary
Michael Faraday Elementary  Amazing Elementary
Northside Elementary  Unlimited Potential Elementary
John Adams Elementary  Marcus Garvey Elementary
Jackie Robinson Elementary  Maggie L. Walker Elementary
Thomas Jefferson Elementary  Stars Elementary
George Washington Elementary  Brookland Park Elementary
George Mason Elementary  Jennifer Moore Elementary
Wilson Elementary  Diamond Elementary
Lincoln Elementary  Rockwell Elementary
Pine Cone Elementary  Lebron James Elementary
Thomas Edison Elementary  Mars Elementary
James Madison Elementary  Deerwood Elementary
Hill Side Elementary  Stone Rock Elementary
Simmons Elementary  Randolph Elementary
Caroline Elementary  Clarke Elementary
What We Heard

Voting Process
To further honor our students’ voices in the process, the Administration asked J.E.B. students to vote for their top three choices (among seven finalists). The voting was also an educational opportunity designed to help students learn about the finalists.

Finalists Included:
- Northside Elementary
- Wishtree Elementary
- Oliver Hill Elementary
- Barbara Johns Elementary
- Albert Norrell Elementary
- Henry Marsh Elementary
- Barack Obama Elementary

Student Ballot
Directions: As you think about the renaming of our school, please circle your top THREE (3) choices from the list below.

Northside Elementary - This choice would reflect the pride that we have in the neighborhood and location of our school.

Wishtree - There is a book with this same title and it tells the story of a tree that has watched different families move in and out of the area for years. The story is about celebrating the different cultures in a diverse neighborhood.

Oliver Hill - He was a Civil Rights attorney who lived here in Richmond, VA. He helped many people and played a huge role in ending the idea of "separate but equal".

Barbara Johns - She was a Civil Rights leader. She led a student-strike at her high school in Farmville, Virginia to bring attention to the poor conditions at her school. Eventually, thank to brave acts like this one, things got better for the students at her school.

Albert Norrell - He was a long-time Richmond educator, whose family of educators served the Richmond community for over a hundred years.

Henry Marsh - He was a Civil Rights leader and the first African-American mayor of Richmond.

Barack Obama - He was the first African American president of the United States of America.
What We Heard

Voting Process

On Election Day, students at J.E.B. Stuart voted on their top three choices for a new name for their school.
What We Heard

Results

Below are the top three names as selected by a vote of the student body of J.E.B. Stuart.

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