
School Name Review

— Murray Elementary &
Charter School —

April 2021

School Board Directive to the Superintendent

On October 25, 2018, the School Board directed the Superintendent to:

1. Add school division values (excellence, young people, community, respect) to the criteria for naming school buildings and facilities.
2. Review the names of all schools in the division, named after individuals, taking into account how faithful those designations are to the values of our school division.
3. Report recommendations to the Board for changing the names of schools that are inconsistent with our values.

Past School Name Reviews: School Board

Paul H. Cale Elementary ➤ Mountain View Elementary School

October 10, 2019

Voted to change name

January 23, 2020

Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2020)

Sutherland Middle School ➤ Lakeside Middle School

January 24th, 2020

Vote to change name

August 13, 2020

Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2021)

School Name Review Process: Intentions

► Reflection

When we are faced with the renaming of a school, we have an opportunity to unify our community, reaffirm our commitment to our values and inspire all students to greatness.

► Accessibility

Ensure the process includes multiple methods of engagement (e.g., survey, community meetings, interpretation services, recordings, press releases, etc.).

► Inclusion of All Voices

We are committed to conducting an inclusive process in which the school community feels welcome to participate and contribute ideas for their school's new name.

Murray Elementary School

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Murray School was built in 1960 and named after **Virginia L. Murray**. She served as demonstration teacher until 1931 when she was appointed Jeannes Supervisor of Elementary Education. She was the first Black supervisor ever appointed in Albemarle County.

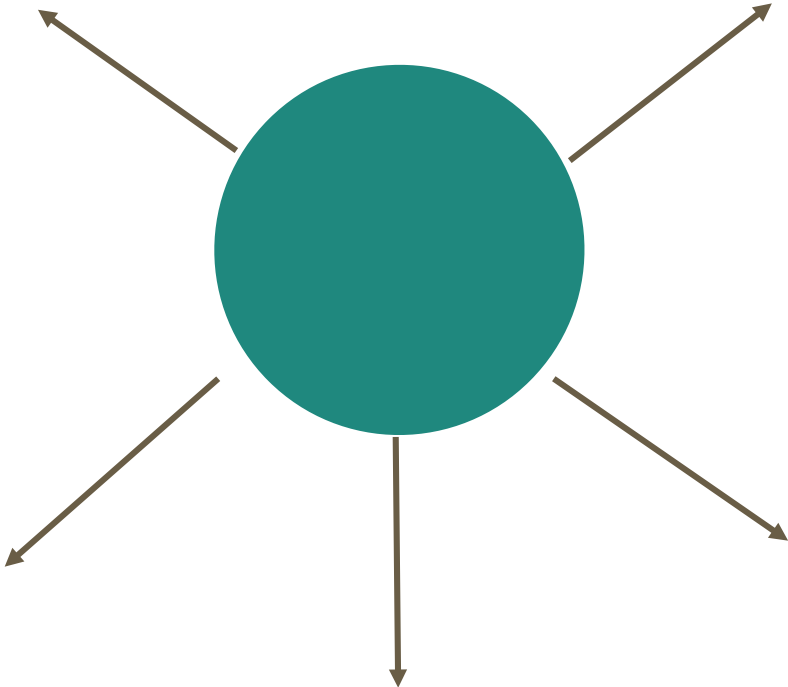
Murray ES Advisory Committee Composition

ACPS STAFF

Staff (5), including the Principal, Lead Coach, and Teachers

STUDENTS

Student Advisory Committee (25)



COMMUNITY

Two community members who live in the community w/o children who currently attend Murray

Alumni

Alumni (4), including someone from the class of 1964

PARENTS

Parents (6), including one parent as the Committee Facilitator

Advisory Committee Review Process

► Student Committee

- Project-based learning experience
- Focus areas:
 - Engagement
 - School history

► Survey (2)

Survey #1:

458 respondents

92% → retain name

Survey #2:

355 respondents

90% → retain name

► Community Meetings (2)

Speakers included:

- Student (1)
- Parents (4)
- Teacher (1)
- Community Member (2)

► Inclusion of Murray Relatives

Located a grand nephew (name withheld)

Recommendation: Virginia L. Murray Elementary

The committee and superintendent recommend retaining the name **Virginia L. Murray Elementary** based on the criteria below:

- Virginia Murray's professional contributions and personal conduct exemplify the School Board's current values
 - Excellence, young people, community and respect
 - Inclusivity, perseverance, tenacity, faithfulness, unselfishness and devotion to duty
- Overwhelming majority of school community voted to keep the name



Q&A

Charter School

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Murray High School opened in 1988 as a charter school and the **Community Public Charter Middle School** began operations in 2008. In February 2020, the School Board approved the merger of the two schools, Murray High School and Charter Community Public Charter Middle School to create a unified school.

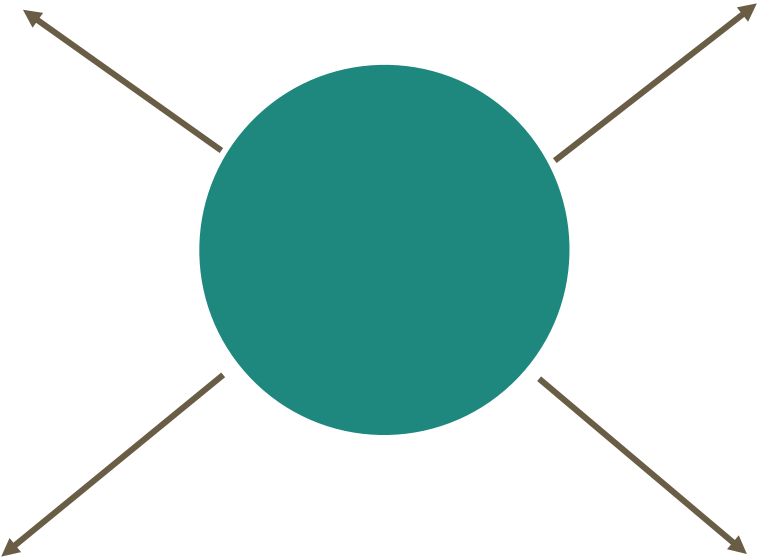
Charter School Advisory Committee Compo

ACPS STAFF

Staff (5), including the Committee Facilitator, Principal, Teachers, and an Office Assistant.

STUDENTS

Students (3) served on the committee plus feedback from a focused student project



COMMUNITY

Two community members who live in the community

PARENTS

Parents (5), including parents with children currently attending our school and feeder parents

Advisory Committee Review Process

► Survey (2)

Survey #1: 161 respondents

Survey #2: 262 respondents

► Public Participation

Community Meetings (2)

Emails

Phone Calls

► Student Project

Explored
geographic/historic
importance of Rose Hill

Used findings to inform
mural design and school
name brainstorm

Recommendation: Community Lab School

After further consideration, the committee and superintendent recommend the name

Community Lab School based on the criteria

below:

- Captures the vision & mission of the new school
- Avoids of confusion of two schools in the division with the same name



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