
School Name Review

— Jack Jouett —

August 2021

School Board Directive to the Superintendent

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

1. Add school division values 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.

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.

Past School Name Reviews: School Board

Paul H. Cale Elementary ➤ Mountain View Elementary School

January 23, 2020

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

Sutherland Middle School ➤ Lakeside Middle School

August 13, 2020

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

Virginia L. Murray ➤ Virginia L. Murray

April 1st, 2021

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

Community Public Charter School ➤ Community Lab School

April 1st, 2021

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

Jack Jouett

Jack Jouett Middle School



Jack Jouett Middle School opened in 1966 as a junior high school and became a middle school in 1977. The school was named after **Jack Jouett**.

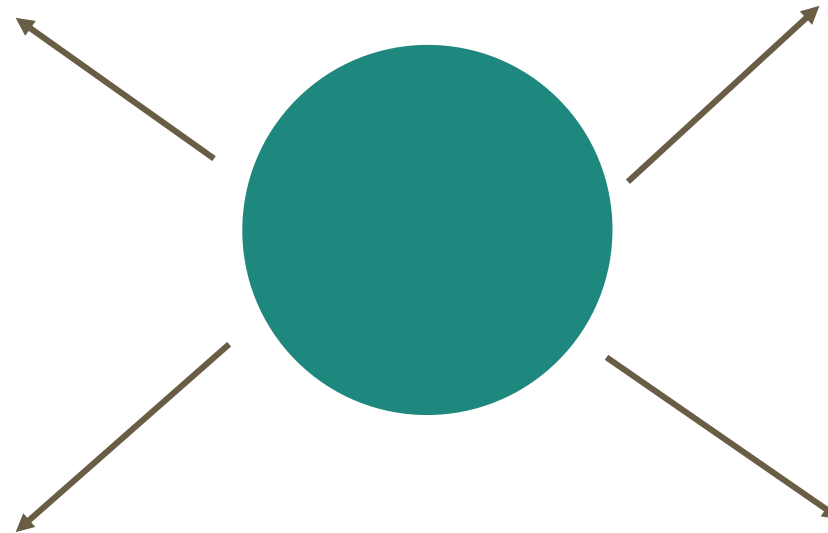
Jack Jouett Advisory Committee Composition

ACPS STAFF

Staff (6), including the Committee Facilitator, Principal, Teachers, and Support Staff

COMMUNITY

Community members (2) who live in the community w/o children who currently attend Jouett



PARENTS

Parents (7), including three parents of Jouett students and parents of students from four elementary schools that feed into Jouett

Alumni

Including a current Albemarle High School student who attended Jouett.

Advisory Committee Review Process

► Survey (2)

Survey #1: 709 respondents

Survey #2: 719 respondents

Note: In both surveys, a majority of respondents wanted to keep the school's name. On a separate question, 90 percent of respondents said the school should be named either for a physical location, or a name that reflects a division value or for a theme.

► Public Participation

Community Meetings (2);
Spanish interpretation available

- Speakers included:
 - (1) Written student testimony
 - (2) Teachers
 - (2) Parents
 - (2) Community members

Emails

► Research

- Jack Jouett was a captain in the Virginia militia during the Revolutionary War; credited with warning of a British plot to kidnap Thomas Jefferson
- Jack Jouett owned a farm in the late 1700s and relied on enslaved labor for its operation.

Advisory Committee Review Process

► Student Engagement

- Two student leaders supported outreach efforts
 - QR Code implementation
- Community Mandalas Project
 - 100 mandalas were submitted
- 8th Grade AVID Mural Project



Recommendation

The committee and superintendent recommend changing the school's name to **Journey Middle School** based on the criteria below:

- Reflection of values seen in our school and community.
- Representative of all students, staff and community voices - allows all to be seen.
- Provides a safe, welcoming environment for all that walk into the building.

“In times likes this we must move forward and embrace change to that we can continue to grow. I feel strongly that we should change the name to Journey Middle School. I started my journey in middle school and take a lot of what I have learned with me.” - G. Martinez

Q&A