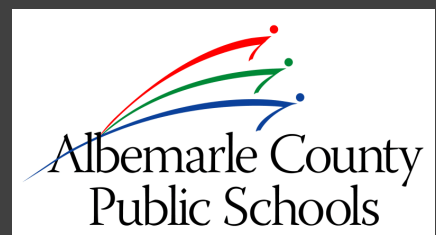




School Name Review Final Report

Agnor-Hurt Elementary School
3201 Berkmar Drive, Charlottesville VA



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Introduction

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.

As a result of this directive, seven reviews have taken place, with the Board approving three schools be renamed in alignment with [policy FA](#):

Paul H. Cale Elementary January 23, 2020	► Mountain View Elementary School Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2020)
Mortimer Sutherland Middle School August 13, 2020	► Lakeside Middle School Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2021)
Virginia L. Murray Elementary April 1, 2021	► Virginia L. Murray Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2021)
Community Public Charter School (Murray) April 1, 2021	► Community Lab School Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2021)
Jack Jouett Middle School August 12, 2021	► Journey Middle School Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2022)
Broadus Wood Elementary School March 10, 2022	► Broadus Wood Elementary School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2022)
Mary Carr Greer Elementary School July 14, 2022	► Mary Carr Greer Elementary School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2023)
Meriwether Lewis Elementary School July 14, 2022	► Ivy Elementary School Approved new name (effective date: July 1, 2023)
Baker-Butler Elementary School July 13, 2023	► Baker Butler Elementary School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2024)
Joseph T. Henley Middle School July 13, 2023	► Joseph T. Henley Middle School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2024)
Stone-Robinson Elementary School July 13, 2023	► Stone-Robinson Elementary School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2024)
Jackson P. Burley Middle School July 13, 2023	► Jackson P. Burley Middle School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2024)
Leslie H. Walton Middle School September 14, 2023	► Leslie H. Walton Middle School Approved to retain the name (effective date: July 1, 2024)

The policy provisions direct staff to involve students, teachers, and interested citizens that reflect the diversity of the school division in the process of naming or renaming schools with these intentions:

REFLECTION: When we are faced with the renaming of a school, we have an opportunity to respond to a negative time in our past by embracing our values and bolstering a positive future for our children.

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.

Recommendation

In addition to alignment with ACPS' stated values which include Equity, Excellence, Family and Community as well as Wellness, school names must be compliant with and reflective of the [ACPS Anti-Racism policy \(ACC\)](#) which states:

“The Albemarle County School Board (“Board”) and the Albemarle County Public Schools (“Division”) reject all forms of racism as destructive to the Division’s mission, vision, values, and goals.”

Research into the namesakes of Agnor-Hurt Elementary, Guy T. Agnor Jr. and Benjamin Franklin Hurt indicates that while former County Executive Guy Agnor Jr. has no association or oversight of public remarks or images on the record that are not reflective of ACPS values and policies, this is not the case with former ACPS Administrator Benjamin Franklin Hurt, despite his many accomplishments and the community's great admiration of his work as an educator. Consequently, it is recommended that rather than engage in a complete renaming of the school, that the name of Mr. Agnor be retained as Agnor Elementary School effective July 1, 2024.