

To: Board of Education Members  
From: Dr. Michelle Jones, Area Superintendent  
Through: Dr. Devon Q. Horton, Superintendent  
Subject: **Recommendation for the name change for DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts (DESA)**  
Date: April 9, 2024

At the start of the school year, the stakeholders of DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts presented documents asking for consideration of a new name for the school. They provided a survey, a possible name, and a rationale for changing the name to remove "elementary" to align with the K-8 configuration of the school.

According to the Board Policy FDC-R1 (Naming Facilities) for changing the name of a school, a committee was selected based on the protocol and the process was followed. The committee convened four times over a four-month period. Multiple opportunities were provided to stakeholders to submit names for the committee to review. After reviewing several submitted names, the committee solicited public feedback for the final selections. Once the top four names were selected, the community had an opportunity to vote via electronic or paper ballot.

As a result, the final recommendation for Board consideration for the name change for DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts is DeKalb Arts Academy.

We are requesting that the Board approve the new name.