

MEMORANDUM

April 15, 2024









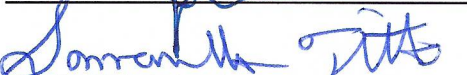
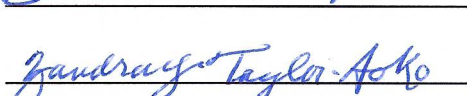
DESA Name Change Committee Recommendation

At its March 27, 2024 meeting, the DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts (DESA) Name Change Committee voted to recommend "DeKalb Arts Academy" as the new name for DESA. This proposed name, which better reflects DESA's status as a K-8 school, was preferred by a majority of committee members and a plurality of community ballot respondents. As Committee Chair, I present this recommendation to the DeKalb County Board of Education for approval. If approved, the name DeKalb Arts Academy will go into effect for the 2024-2025 school year.



Whitney McGinniss, District 2

As a member of the DESA Name Change Committee, who was in attendance on March 27, 2024, I affirm the accuracy of these statements and support the committee's recommendation of "DeKalb Arts Academy" as the new name for DESA.

Chair, Whitney McGinniss		<u>4/15/24</u>
Secretary, Danielle Botstein		<u>4/18/24</u>
Allison Mulkey		<u>4-16-24</u>
Bianca Hamilton		<u>4/15/24</u>
Deirdre Pierce		<u>4/15/24</u>
Josh Stifter		<u>4/17/24</u>
LaTonya Donald		<u>4/15/2024</u>
Michelle Jones		<u>4/15/24</u>
Samantha Fitts		<u>4/18/2024</u>
Zandra Taylor-Aoko		<u>04.15.2024</u>

As a member of the DESA Name Change Committee, I support the committee's recommendation of "DeKalb Arts Academy" as the new name for DESA.

Bri'el Gordon	<u>Bri'el K. Gordon</u>	<u>4.17.24</u>
Darryle Gayle	<u>Darryle Gayle</u>	<u>4/16/24</u>
Keith Jones	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4/16/24</u>
Jennifer Durham	<u>Jennifer Durham</u>	<u>4/17/24</u>
Marquis Jackson	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>4-17-24</u>