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July 7, 2020

Via Email

The School Board of Duval County, Florida
1701 Prudential Drive, 6th Floor
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

Dear Board Members:

It is the place and time in the history of our city and our school district that we are engaging in the process of enacting the renaming policy for alignment to the mission, vision and core values of Duval County Public Schools. We began with six schools named for confederate officers. We should continue with schools that are named for people responsible for systematically marginalizing and killing Indigenous people. Examining the names of existing schools provides a unique opportunity to further develop an identity of Duval County Public Schools and the Board, including listening and communicating our values.


In following the lead of our Mayor who is boldly removing confederate monuments and our Chairman who brought forward the first 6 schools, and pursuant to Board Policy 8.59, Section III.A., I am submitting this written request during the July 7, 2020 Regular Board meeting, requesting that the School Board initiate the renaming of the following schools:

Andrew Jackson High School
Jean Ribault High School
Jean Ribault Middle School

I will submit an agenda item for the August 4, 2020, Regular Board meeting requesting the Board's approval to accept my written request pursuant to Subsection III.B of the Board Policy; and if approved, that the Superintendent establish procedures to rename these schools and solicit community input from the organizations identified in Subsection III.B. of the Board Policy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Ashley Smith Juarez
Board Member, District 3

cc: Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent
Board Secretary