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**Superintendent of Schools**  
Diana L. Greene, Ph.D.

June 16, 2020

Via Email and Hand Delivery

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

Dear Board Members:

We have come to a place and time in the history of our city, that we must begin the process of renaming all the schools named for a confederate soldier. This effort can help to heal a city that is fractured. In following the lead of our mayor, who is boldly removing all confederate monuments, it is high time that we do the same.

Renaming of existing schools provides a unique opportunity to further develop an identity of the Board and its schools. Renaming of schools must also support the District School Board's mission, vision and core values and meet the best interest of the schools' students.


Pursuant to Board Policy 8.59, section III. A., I am submitting this written request during the June 16, 2020 Regular Board meeting, requesting that the School Board initiate the renaming of the following schools:

Joseph Finegan Elementary School  
Stonewall Jackson Elementary School  
Jefferson Davis Middle School  
Kirby-Smith Middle School  
J.E.B. Stuart Middle School  
Robert E. Lee High School

During my Chairman's Report during the June 16, 2020 Regular Meeting, I will make a motion 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 the community input from the organizations identified in Subsection III.B. of the Board Policy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Warren A. Jones, Chairman

cc: Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent  
Board Secretary