

Dear Members,

We need your help more than ever! The Fairfax County Public Schools School Board has set June 22, 2017 as the date on which they will discuss and take action regarding the question of changing the name of the high school. We need you to express your support for changing the name to the School Board.

Here is how you can help:

- Join us at one or both of School Board Meetings on June 8 or June 22 to show your support.
- Speak at a School Board Meeting on June 8 or June 22 in support of changing the name.
- Email or mail a statement of your support for changing the name to the School Board Members

We recently updated you on the status of our advocacy to change the name of J.E.B. Stuart High School, in Falls Church, Virginia. You will recall that in July 2016 the Fairfax County Public Schools School Board approved a resolution to consider changing the name. That resolution called for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee of citizens to study the proposed name change and report their findings to the School Board. That Ad Hoc Committee was finally formed and first met in February 2017. Our advocacy to change the name is well represented on the committee by both Branch members and other members of the community, including students, parents, and community leaders. The reports of the subcommittees are due to the Interim Superintendent of Schools on May 24, 2017.

Nevertheless, it is a struggle. There is an active, vocal, well-organized group, "Save Our School"(SOS), that opposes changing the name of J.E.B. Stuart High School and is speaking at School Board Meetings, showing videos at the School Board Meetings, sending emails to the School Board, and getting positive press coverage.

If you wish to speak or show a video at a School Board Meeting you can find the details for signing up at

<https://www.fcps.edu/school-board/citizen-participation>

Here are links to the email addresses of the School Board Members and our talking points in support of changing the name of the school.

- Board Member Info: <http://bit.ly/29Yi63J>
- Talking Points: <http://bit.ly/29Yics0>

If you wish to sign up to speak at a School Board meeting, submit a video for a School Board meeting, have questions, OR need more information, please contact George Alber at georgealber46@yahoo.com or 703.628.0377.

Thank you for your continued support!