



**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HOWARD COUNTY
MEETING AGENDA ITEM**

TITLE: NAMING OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL #13

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Patrick Saunderson, Community Superintendent, Area 1
James LeMon, Executive Director of Community, Parent and School Outreach

PRESENTER(S): Justin FitzGerald, Director of Schools, Area 1

Strategic Call To Action Alignment:

Student-Centered Practices: Each and every student receives a high-quality education through access to individualized instruction, challenges, supports, and opportunities.

OVERVIEW:

Following the guidelines of Policy 6050, Naming and Renaming Schools, a committee was assembled and charged with recommending a name for the new high school scheduled to open in August 2023.

The committee included school administrators, PTA/PTSA representatives, and middle and high school students from the possible feeder schools, and school system staff.

At the January 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting, the committee recommended that the Board of Education approve the name Quarry Heights High School for high school #13 effective January 13, 2023.

The Board of Education directed staff to gather additional recommendations for consideration regarding the name for High School #13. The Board of Education requested that staff directly solicit input from students who will attend the new school and reconvene the naming committee to provide a list of names to be considered at the February 9, 2023 Board meeting.

A survey was emailed through Outlook to all students enrolled at High School #13 for the 2023-24 school year by January 20, 2023, with a response deadline of January 30, 2023. The committee reconvened on January 31, 2023 to review the submissions and create the diverse list of names that is included in this report.

RECOMMENDATION/~~FUTURE DIRECTION:~~

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the name Southeast High School for high school #13 effective February 10, 2023

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVAL/CONCURRENCE:

Patrick J. Saunderson
Community Superintendent, Area 1 Schools

Michael J. Martirano, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Executive Director of Community, Parent and
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Chief School Management and Instructional
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Board Action Report February 9, 2023

At the January 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting, the board members decided to direct the HS 13 Naming Committee co-chairs to reconvene the committee to provide a more diverse list of possible names for the new school. In addition, the board members directed the committee co-chairs to contact all students who will attend HS 13 in 2023-24 and ask them for additional suggestions to be considered.

The committee co-chairs worked with the Department of Technology, the Office of Communications, and Department of Program Innovation and Student Well-Being to finalize an accurate list of students (795 as of January 20, 2023) and create a survey that was sent to the identified students by email on January 20, 2023; January 24, 2023; and January 26, 2023. The students' parents were also copied on the three emails. The survey was also sent out via a Canvas message to these students on January 26, 2023. The deadline for submissions was January 30, 2023.

A total of 115 survey responses were received. Four of them were removed from the calculations because they were duplicated responses from the same student(s). One name was removed because it was the student's first name which was believed to have been submitted in error as the student submitted a second school name recommendation immediately after their first submission. In addition, three other names were removed because they either contained profanity or other inappropriate language. Finally, Wincopin High School was added per a board member's request on January 18, 2023.

The following is a complete list of all 108 names submitted for consideration by the naming committee (in number of responses order):

Future Students' Name Suggestions	Total
Mission High School	32
Jessup High School	6
Mission Heights High School	5
Quarry Heights High School	5
High School 13	4
Mission Road High School	4
Mission Peak High School	3
Mission Spring High School	3
Quarry Hill High School	3
Guilford Forest High School	2
Guilford Mill(s) High School	2
Guilford Park High School	2
Heritage Woods High School	2
Mission Springs High School	2
Patuxent River High School	2
Savage Quarry High School	2

Bayside High School	1
Gallagher High School	1
Guilford Battle High School	1
Jessup Ridge High School	1
Jessville High School	1
Johnathan Jessup High School	1
Liberty High School	1
Mission Hill High School	1
Mission Quarry High School	1
Mission View High School	1
Nature High School	1
Patuxent High School	1
Pax River High School	1
Quarry Ridge High School	1
Quarry View High School	1
Railroad High School	1
Red Rose High School	1
Ridgely Forest High School	1
Ridgley's Run High School	1
Riley Moore High School	1
Rock Quarry High School	1
Rocky Springs High School	1
Rose Hill High School	1
Savage High School	1
Savage Mill High School	1
South Patuxent High School	1
Troy Hill High School	1
Wes Moore High School	1
Wincopin High School	1
Total	108

Process:

The committee reconvened on January 31, 2023. At that meeting, the directions from the board members provided at the Board of Education meeting on January 12, 2023 were reviewed along with an overview of the information contained in Policy 6050: Naming and Renaming of Schools.

Committee members were then assigned to three breakout groups for further discussion. The breakout group discussions focused on questions and insights regarding the suggested names in relation to the information included in Policy 6050 and the research presented by the geographer and historian throughout the naming process. After detailed breakout group discussions and decisions regarding each breakout group’s recommendation, the three groups convened again as an entire committee. Each breakout group then provided a summary of their discussion and presented the names that they recommended for whole group consideration.

After the three breakout groups presented their lists, the committee was provided time for further questions and comments. Through an anonymous poll, committee members were then asked to identify their three top recommendations for Board of Education consideration. Special Note: In accordance with Policy 6050, the three committee co-chairs, historian, geographer, and recording secretary were not allowed to participate in the voting process.

Eighteen suggested names were selected by committee members (those names are listed below). The results of this poll were then presented to the committee to ensure that the finalized list represents the recommendations of the entire naming committee.

Name	Number of Votes
Southeast High School	11
Quarry Heights High School	4
Rocky Springs High School	4
Guilford Park High School	3
Quarry Lake High School	3
Quarry Ridge High School	3
Ridgely's Run High School	3
Guilford Forest High School	2
Mission High School	2
Mission View High School	2
Quarry Run High School	2
Quarry View High School	2
Valley Run High School	2

Wincopin High School	2
Mission Springs High School	1
Quarry Rock High School	1
Quarry Valley High School	1
Ridgely Forest High School	1

High School #13 Naming Committee Recommendations:

1. Southeast High School
2. Quarry Heights High School
3. Rocky Springs High School

Attached is the previous Board Report submitted on November 17, 2022 for your reference.

Naming of the New High School #13

A committee representing a broad range of stakeholders was established in accordance with Policy 6050, Naming and Renaming of Schools, to make recommendations for the naming of high school #13 in Jessup. The school is scheduled to open in August 2023.

Process

In October 2022, the Public Information Office solicited names for the new school from the general public.

A committee, consisting of 37 members which included the possible elementary, middle, and high school feeder schools along with the high school #13 administration team and school system personnel, met on three occasions in October and November 2022. The committee met and reviewed all names submitted by the general public and by the committee members themselves.

During the committee meetings, the committee geographer and historian shared information about the surrounding area that helped shape the discussion. In addition, all submitted recommendations were reviewed regarding references to a specific person, duplication and/or similarities to other school names, and duplication of school initials. All submissions were also reviewed through a lens of cultural proficiency. The committee eliminated names that did not meet the requirements of Policy 6050.

After focused discussions and an opportunity to receive feedback from their constituencies, the committee then reached a consensus that the word “Quarry” should be included in some way for the naming of HS #13. As a result, a list of 15 names was compiled based on the list of all possible submitted names that included the word “Quarry” from the community survey, excluding those that did not comply with the guidelines of Policy 6050. Dr. Antwan Perry, HCPSS Policy Manager, reviewed the list of 15 names to ensure adherence of Policy 6050.

The committee was then asked to identify their ten most preferred from the list of 15. The top ten names from this committee vote were used to create a student survey. At the final committee meeting, the results of the student survey were reviewed and discussed and a final committee vote was taken on the remaining names.

Participating Committee Members:

Sarah Beebout	Parent Representative, Thomas Viaduct Middle School
Bessie Bordenave	Community Member, Ridgely Run Community
Renee Bos*	Coordinator, Secondary Social Studies and Advanced Placement/Historian
Molly Caroland	Principal, Ducketts Lane Elementary School
Christy Conklin	Assistant Principal, Bollman Bridge Elementary School
Andrew Doumaux	Parent Representative, Guilford Elementary School
Kim Eggborn*	Coordinator, Social Studies, Geographer
Justin FitzGerald*	Performance, Equity, and Community Response Director/Committee Co-Chair
Stephanie Harden	Assistant Principal, Elkridge Landing Middle School
Regina Hayes	Student, Long Reach High School
Sai Hinge	Student, Thomas Viaduct Middle School
Cindy Jaksec*	Principal's Secretary, HS #13, Recording Secretary
Ellen Johnson	Assistant Principal, Reservoir High School
Carol Ketterman	Assistant Principal, Patuxent Valley Middle School
David Klotz	Assistant Principal, Thomas Viaduct Middle School
Gillian Krauter	Parent Representative, Elkridge Elementary School
Trish Lannon	Principal, Guilford Elementary School
Christopher Lawrence	Parent Representative, Ducketts Lane Elementary School
James LeMon*	Executive Director of Community, Parent, and School Outreach/Committee Co-Chair
Michael Lerner	Assistant Principal, Hammond High School
Lisa Loveland	Parent Representative, Long Reach High School
Lisa Loveless	Parent Representative, Reservoir High School
Terri Marcus	Parent Representative, Howard High School
Mohammed Najam	Parent Representative, Hanover Hills Elementary School
Nick Novak	Principal, Howard High School
James Obasiolu	Student, HCASC (Howard County Association of Student Councils)
Jen Renkevans	Parent Representative, Patuxent Valley Middle School
Isabella Roberts	Student, Long Reach High School
Kristian Rutledge	Assistant Principal, Elkridge Elementary School
Pat Saunderson*	Community Superintendent, Area 1/Committee Co-Chair
Sara Smith	Parent Representative, Bollman Bridge Elementary School
Oliver Song	Student, HCASC (Howard County Association of Student Councils)
Troy Todd	Principal, Hanover Hills Elementary School
Josh Wasilewski	Principal, HS #13
Jen Whiddon	Assistant Principal, Long Reach High School
Adrienne Williams	Assistant Principal, HS #13
Laura Wisely	Parent Representative, Elkridge Landing Middle School

* As per Policy 6050: Non-Voting Members of the Committee

Community and Committee Name Suggestions:

Over 1,100 individual school system survey responses and committee member recommendations were submitted for consideration, representing 363 suggested names for High School #13.

Community and Committee Name Suggestions	Total
Mission High School	227
Jessup High School	157
Savage High School	34
Mission Road High School	29
Dorsey Run High School	25
Savage Mill High School	22
Ridgely's Run High School	18
Quarry High School	16
Pierceland High School	11
Oak Hill High School	9
Patuxent River High School	9
Piedmont High School	9
Mission Hill High School	8
Guilford Park High School	7
Heritage Woods High School	7
Patuxent High School	7
Quarry Hill High School	7
Ridgely Run High School	7
Jessup's Cut High School	6
Susquehannock High School	6
Washington OR Washington's Mission High School	6
Little Patuxent High School	5
Mission Heights High School	5
Patapsco Valley High School	5
Savage Stone High School	5
East Howard High School	4
Jessup Peak High School	4
Mission Place High School	4
Mission Point High	4
Piscataway High School	4
Quarry Ridge High School	4
Ridgely Forest High School	4
River Valley High School	4
Savage Quarry High School	4
Stone Quarry High School	4
Washington High School	4
Bayside High School	3

Gabbro Rock High School	3
Guilford Quarry High School	3
Heritage High School	3
Jessup Hills High School	3
Jessup Junction High School	3
Jessup Valley High School	3
Merril's Ridge High School	3
Mission Quarry High School	3
Mission Ridge High School	3
Mission Run High School	3
Patuxent Branch	3
Rising Valley High School	3
Riverstone High School	3
Riverway	3
Savage Mills High School	3
Spurrier High School	3
Annapolis Junction High School	2
Ashbrook High School	2
Aspenwood High School	2
Autumn Woods High School	2
Cascade Falls High School	2
Cascade High School	2
Chestnut Hill High School	2
Corridor High School	2
Deer Wood High school	2
Dorsey High School	2
Dorsey Park High School	2
Duvall High School	2
East High School	2
Gabbro	2
Granite High School	2
Granite Rock High School	2
Guilford Springs High School	2
Hanover High School	2
Highgate High School	2
Hill Top or Hilltop High School	2
Jessup Magnolia High School	2
Jessup OR Jessup's Mission High School	2
Jessup Quarry HS	2
Jessup Road High School	2
Jessup Warriors	2
Kittamaquindi High School	2
Lakewood High school	2
Meadow Ridge High School	2

Mission Hills High School	2
Mission One High School	2
Mission Park High School	2
Mission Possible High School	2
Mission View High School	2
Missions High School	2
Montevideo High School	2
Pine Woods High School	2
Pleasant Chase High School	2
Quarry Rock High School	2
Ridgely High School	2
Rock Gate High School	2
Savage Park High School	2
Savage-Guilford High School	2
Savage-Jessup High School	2
South Branch	2
Southeast	2
Spurrier's High School	2
Stone Lake High School	2
Stone Mill High School	2
Troy High School	2
Wetlands High School	2
Wincopin	2
Winterbrook High School	2
Alex High School	1
Algonquian High School	1
Angelwood	1
Annapolis Rock High School	1
Archway High School	1
Asbury High School	1
Atlas	1
Atlas Meadow	1
Baker High School	1
Baldinshire High School	1
Bannon High School	1
Bascom	1
Beaconhouse School	1
Bear River High School	1
Bedrock High School	1
Belmont	1
Blue Heron (Great) High	1
Blue Jay High School	1
Blue Lake High School	1
Blue Sky High School	1

Boseman High School	1
Boulevard High School	1
Bristol High School	1
Brookside High School	1
Calvary High School	1
Cardinal Valley High	1
Cascade Rock	1
Cashmere High School	1
Casper High School	1
Cedar Villa Park High School	1
Cheshire HS	1
Clay Hill High School	1
Clay Ridge High School	1
Clipper Mill High School	1
Clockwork High School	1
Clover Hill	1
Coastal Plain	1
Compass	1
Coridal High School	1
Courageous Hill High school	1
Covera Mission High School	1
Crestview High School	1
Crystal Lake High School	1
Cypress High School	1
Dahsigh Hills High School	1
Decatur Dorsey High School	1
DeWood Hill High	1
Doresy Run River	1
Dorsey Stars High School	1
Duvall Farm High School	1
Eagles Nest	1
East Redwood High School	1
East Shores High School	1
Elk Fields High School	1
Elk High School	1
Evergreen High School	1
Excelsior	1
FairHaven High School	1
Falling Leaf High school	1
Forest Bridge High School	1
Forest High School	1
Forest Landing High School	1
Forest Run High School	1
Gabbro Granite High School	1

Gabbro Mine High School	1
Gabbro Quarry High School	1
Gatesway High School	1
Glen Court High School	1
Golden Oak	1
Gough's Road High School	1
Granite Mills High School	1
Granite Quarry High School	1
Granite Rock Quarry High School	1
Great Falls High School	1
Great Mission High School	1
Great Valley High School	1
Green Hill High School	1
Green Valley High School	1
Greenage High	1
Greenville High	1
Greenwood high school	1
Grist	1
Grist Mill	1
Guilford Mill(s) High School	1
Guilford Savage High School	1
Guilford Station High School	1
Guilford Waters High	1
Hanover Heights	1
Heratige(Hair-a-ti-j) High School	1
Heritae Heights High School	1
Hestia High School	1
Hillcrest Heights High School	1
Hillside High School	1
Hillside View High School	1
Horizon High School	1
Jessup Bay High school	1
Jessup Canyon	1
Jessup Court	1
Jessup Fields High School	1
Jessup Flyers High	1
Jessup Hill High School	1
Jessup Howard High	1
Jessup Landing High School	1
Jessup Point	1
Jessup Portal High School	1
Jessup Ridge High School	1
Jessup Science Academy	1
Jessup Trail High School	1

Juniper Heights	1
Katsura High	1
Kents Sea High School	1
Kingston High	1
Kingsview High	1
Lakeshore High	1
Little Patuxent River High School	1
Maple Grove High School	1
Mijession High School	1
Miner High School	1
Mission Boulevard High School	1
Mission Bridge	1
Mission Chase High School	1
Mission Elk High School	1
Mission Grove High school	1
Mission Lane High School	1
Mission Mill High School	1
Mission Overlook High School	1
Mission Patriots High School	1
Mission Proud High School	1
Mission Rail High School	1
Mission Rock High School	1
Mission Science	1
Mission Sky	1
Mission Station High School	1
Mission Trail HS	1
Mission Trip High School	1
Mission Valley	1
Mission Villas High School	1
Mission Washington High School	1
Mission Wood High school	1
Missionary High School	1
Missionary Road High School	1
Monarch High School	1
Montpelier High School	1
Morning Dew High School	1
Morning Side High School	1
Mount Du Highschool	1
Mount Pier High School	1
Mountain Rd High School	1
Mt Elkridge high school	1
Nevelis High School	1
North Mission High School	1
North Star High School	1

Northern Cardinal High School	1
Oak Hill Manor High School	1
Oak Trail High School	1
Oak Woods High School	1
Oaks Quarry High School	1
Oella High School	1
Old Line High School	1
Olympia High School	1
One Mission High School	1
Orchard High School	1
Orchard Hill High School	1
Paddock Plain High School	1
Paragon High	1
Patapsco Trail	1
Patuxent Elk High School	1
Patuxent Ridge High School	1
Patuxent Stone	1
Perry Hill High School	1
Piedmont Plateau High School	1
Pierce Cut High School	1
Pinewood high school	1
Point View High School	1
Providence HS	1
Quarry	1
Quarry Field High School	1
Quarry Heights High School	1
Quarry Lake	1
Quarry Mine High School	1
Quarry Run	1
Quarry View High School	1
Red Maple High	1
Redwood high school	1
Relay High School	1
Ridge High School	1
Ridgeview High School	1
River Jessup	1
Riverdale High	1
Riverview	1
Rock Quarry High School	1
Rocky Gorge Reservoir High School	1
Rocky Place High School	1
Rolling Hills	1
Rose Water High School	1
Roxana High School	1

Running Oak High School	1
Rushing Creek High School	1
Russett Woods High School	1
Rydell High School	1
Rydell High School	1
Savage Boulder	1
Savage Hill High School	1
Savage Jessup High School	1
Savage Seahawks	1
Savage Springs High School	1
Savage Stone Quarry HS	1
Savage Summit	1
Savage Switch High School	1
Savage Woods	1
Sea Ford High School	1
Seven Hills High School	1
Sewell Spring Branch High	1
Sherwood	1
Sianna Bass High School	1
Silver Creek High School	1
Silverfield High School	1
Sinceria High School	1
South County High School	1
South Patuxent High School	1
Southeastern High School	1
Southern HS	1
Southern Park High School	1
Springfield High School	1
Spurriers Run High School	1
Star Wood High School	1
Starling Center High	1
Stone Crest High School	1
Stone Fall High School	1
Stone High School	1
Stone Overlook High School	1
Stone Quarry	1
Stone Run	1
Stone Woods	1
Stonemont High School	1
Stoney Meadow High School	1
Stoney Run High School	1
Summit Hill High School	1
Sunshine Valley	1
The Jessup High School	1

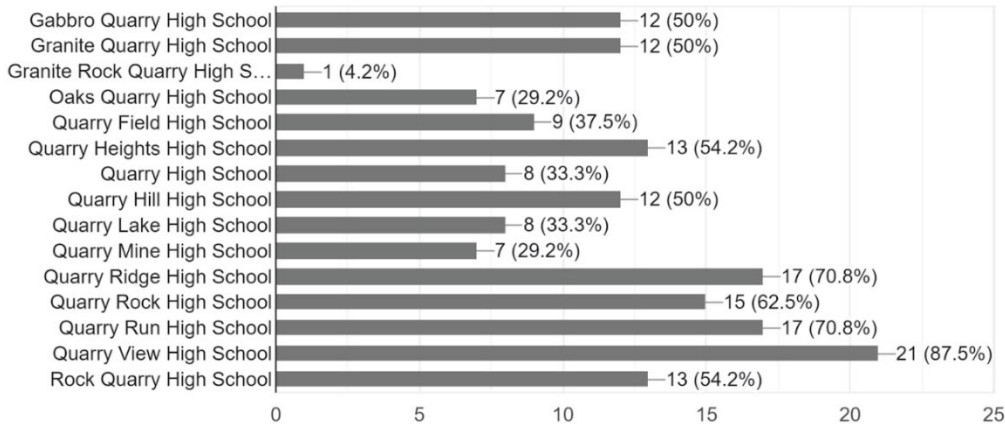
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Washington Boulevard High School	1
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West Brook High	1
Westwood High School	1
Wincopin's Quarry High School	1
Windy Hill High School	1
Wood Oak	1
Woodcreek	1
Woodford High	1
Woodland Heights High School	1
Woodland High School	1
Woodland Mills	1
Woody Hills High School	1
Total	1104

Committee Vote-Top Ten Names:

After lengthy discussion during the first two committee meetings, the committee was asked to identify their ten most preferred names from the list of 15 suggested names that included the word “Quarry”, excluding names that did not meet the requirements of Policy 6050. The results of that committee survey are listed below. The top ten names from this vote were used to create a student survey.

Please choose your top ten names from the list below.

24 responses



Student Survey:

The student survey with the top ten possible names was provided to the potential middle and high feeder schools listed below via Canvas message. Students were instructed to vote for their top choice.

Students Surveyed:

School Name
Elkridge Landing Middle
Hammond High
Howard High
Long Reach High
Oakland Mills High
Patuxent Valley Middle
Reservoir High
Thomas Viaduct Middle

Student Survey Results:

HS #13 Student Survey Results	
Name	# of Votes
Quarry Heights High School	288
Quarry Hill High School	147
Quarry View High School	146
Quarry Rock High School	112
Rock Quarry High School	107
Quarry Ridge High School	99
Granite Quarry High School	75
Gabbro Quarry High School	66
Quarry Run High School	54
Quarry Field High School	41
Total Votes	1135

Final Committee Vote:

At the final committee meeting, the results of the student survey were reviewed and discussed. The committee then took a final vote on the remaining names and selected Quarry Heights High School as its recommendation for the name of high school #13. The voting results were as follows:

Name	# of Votes
Quarry Heights High School	14
Quarry View High School	8
Quarry Rock High School	3
Quarry Run High School	1
Rock Quarry High School	1
Quarry Hill High School	0
Quarry Ridge High School	0
Granite Quarry High School	0
Gabbro Run High School	0
Quarry Field High School	0
Total number of votes	27

(Special Note: In accordance with Policy 6050, the three committee co-chairs, historian, geographer, and recording secretary were not allowed to participate in the voting process.)

High School #13 Naming Committee Recommendations:

1. Quarry Heights High School
2. Quarry View High School
3. Quarry Rock High School