



February 22, 2017

To the Members of the Jefferson County Board of Education:

As principal of Stuart Middle School, I support changing the name of our school from Stuart Middle School to Stuart Academy. Since my hiring in May 2016, it has always been in the plan to change the name of the school to represent the new work undertaken in the building. Since our sister school, Robert Frost Sixth Grade Academy, occupies a portion of our campus, it makes sense to adjust our name to Stuart Academy. Our name is based on Jesse Stuart, the writer, school teacher, and school administrator from Greenup County, Kentucky. We are proud to continue to bear his name and ask only to change from the Middle School designation to Academy.

We are proud of the work undertaken this first year of the redesign by our students and staff and as we prepare for year two, with more than 125 new students set to join our school, we look forward to a rebranding of the work from Stuart Middle School to Stuart Academy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Dalton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Laura Dalton, Principal
Stuart Academy