



FAYETTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Executive Summary
Fayette County Public Schools Board Meeting
Agenda Item

MEETING: Planning

DATE: 12/5/2022

TOPIC: Renaming of Carter G. Woodson Preparatory Academy

PREPARED BY: Soraya Matthews

Recommended Action on: 12/5/2022

Action Item for Vote (PLANNING MEETING)

Superintendent Prior Approval: Yes

Recommendation/Motion: To consider the renaming recommendations and determine if the new name for Carter G. Woodson Preparatory Academy shall become either:

1. George Washington Carver STEM School for Boys OR
2. Henry Boyd STEM School for Boys

Background/Rationale: Fayette County Public School's first all-boys STEM elementary school launched in the summer of 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year. At the time of launch, the school was named after a current all-boys program within the district, Carter G. Woodson Academy, which serves middle and high school students. Through listening sessions with community partners, families, faith-based leaders, and district staff, it was determined that the school's current name, Carter G. Woodson Preparatory Academy, created a misperception for families looking to enroll their students in the school for various reasons. To create consistency in messaging, understanding, and marketing efforts, a new name aligned with a prominent individual in the STEM field will set the school on its intended path and vision of serving our community as an authentic STEM school for boys.

Strategic Priority:

- ☐ Student Achievement ☐ Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging
☐ Highly Effective & Culturally Responsive Workforce
☒ Stakeholder Engagement & Outreach ☐ Organizational Health & Efficiency

Data Considerations: NA

Policy: School Facilities 05.1: Facilities (Construction and Naming)

Fiscal Impact: NA

Attachments(s): NA