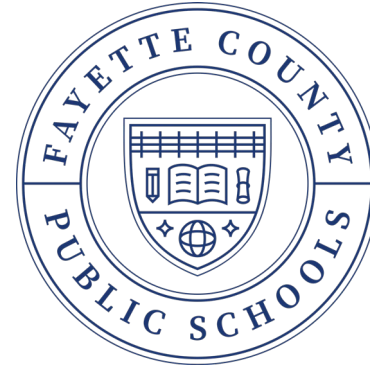


New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard

Naming Committee Recommendation to the Board of Education

August 28, 2023

Dr. Bill Bradford, Chief School Leadership Officer - Middle Schools



New Middle School

The newest build in Fayette County Public Schools is a middle school planned for 2185 Polo Club Blvd. It will feature flexible, collaborative space with a capacity of 1,200 students in grades 6-8. Environmentally friendly and energy-efficient strategies are also a priority.

The target completion date is June 2025.



Board Policy:

Facilities (*Construction and Naming*)

The Superintendent/designee, in collaboration with an appointed committee reflective of the local community, shall recommend to the Board a name or names for a new building, facility or property and portions of buildings or facilities.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

05.1

Facilities (Construction and Naming)

CONSTRUCTION ADVICE SOUGHT

When the Board engages in a major construction project, it will seek the advice of employees and citizens of the school district, as appropriate, in determining the scope and educational specifications of the construction project.¹

FACILITIES PLAN

In compliance with applicable statutes and administrative regulations, the Local Planning Committee shall prepare a District facilities plan for approval by the Board.²

CONSTRUCTION OVERSIGHT

Construction projects shall be undertaken and conducted in compliance with standards set forth in applicable statutes and regulations, including, but not limited to, rules covering the capital construction process.²

NAMING OF NEW OR EXISTING SCHOOLS, FACILITIES, ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PORTIONS OF BUILDINGS, FACILITIES AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Naming of school buildings, District facilities, as well as the naming of alternative education programs, and portions of buildings and facilities shall be the responsibility of the Board. Names will be selected from the following:

- Prominent state, local, or national figures of good character;
- Prominent persons who have contributed to the history and/or progress of the Lexington/Fayette County area;
- Community leaders, former Board members, retired school leaders and/or teachers;
- Donors of school property;
- Geographic areas; and
- A descriptive name that aligns with the mission or learning culture of the school.

School buildings, District facilities, as well as alternative education programs, and portions of buildings and facilities may be named for living or deceased individuals.

District facilities may not be named for active employees of the District but does not preclude individuals from being hired if a building has been previously named for them.

The Superintendent/designee, in collaboration with an appointed committee reflective of the local community, shall recommend to the Board a name or names for a new building, facility or property and portions of buildings or facilities.

Buildings, facilities and portions of buildings and facilities may also be renamed in the event they are closed and reopened or if the current name does not meet the naming criteria above.



Naming Committee for New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard

Bill Bradford, *Chief School Leadership Officer - Middle Schools*

Sarah Woodford, *Garrett Morgan Elementary School Principal*

Joshua Williams, *Brenda Cowan Elementary School Principal*

Shaye Johnson, *Attorney; Parent (GMES)*

Latonya Meekins, *School Leadership Support Specialist*

Liz Kirk, *Yates Elementary School Principal*

Susan Voglesong, *16th District PTA President; Parent*

Katie Harshman, *Liberty Elementary School Paraeducator; Parent (LES)*

Lisa Kear, *Liberty Elementary School Principal*

Cynthia Bruno, *Dixie Magnet Elementary School Principal*

Anthony Everett, *FCPS Equity Council Committee Member*

Suzi Oldham, *Brenda Cowan Elementary School Registrar/Attendance Clerk*

*** Special thanks to **Tracy Bruno**, *Chief of Staff*, for his initial leadership on this comprehensive project.***

Naming Committee Research and Development Timeline



April 2023

- Initial Naming Committee Meetings

April 2023 - May 2023

- First Round of New Middle School Naming Suggestions Community Survey

June 2023

- Board Policy Update (*Naming of Buildings*)

July 2023

- Naming Committee Meetings
 - Review of first round survey data
 - Prioritize criteria for naming committee considerations

July 2023

- Second Round of New Middle School Naming Suggestions Community Survey

August 2023

- Naming Committee Meetings
 - Determination of final recommendation to the Board of Education

Criteria for Naming Committee Considerations



*Criteria determined by committee for the
New Middle School on Polo Club Boulevard:*

1. Prominent state, local, or national figures of good character
1. Prominent persons who have contributed to the history and/or progress of the Lexington/Fayette County area
1. Geographic areas

**BY THE
NUMBERS**

12

Committee Members

30

Semi-final Considerations

13

Finalist Considerations

2,200 +

Community Survey Responses

1

Historic Opportunity

**Construction
Update: *JULY 2023***



Naming Committee Recommendation to the Board of Education

August 2023

Final Naming Committee Meetings to Determine Final Recommended Name for New Middle School on Polo Club Blvd.

August 28, 2023

Present recommendation of a name for the New Middle School on Polo Club Blvd. to the Board of Education as an informational item at the Regular Meeting.

September 11, 2023

As an action item, suggest approval from the Board of Education of the name for the New Middle School on Polo Club Blvd. to the Board of Education during the Agenda Planning Meeting.



Naming Recommendation for New Building



Mary E. Britton Middle School



*Dr. Mary E.
Britton*

MRS. MARY E. BRITTON.



Mary Ellen Britton

Mary Ellen Britton (1855–1925) was an American physician, educator, suffragist, journalist and civil rights activist from Lexington, Kentucky.

Britton was an original member of the Kentucky Negro Education Association, which formed in 1877. She was president of the Lexington Woman's Improvement Club and later served as a charter member of the Ladies Orphan Society which founded the Colored Orphan Industrial Home in Lexington, in 1892.

During her lifetime she accomplished many things through the obstacles she faced. After teaching black children in Lexington public schools, she worked as a doctor from her home in Lexington. She specialized in hydrotherapy, electrotherapy and massage; and, she was officially granted her license to practice medicine in Lexington, Kentucky in 1902, making her the first woman doctor to be licensed in Lexington.



A public school teacher and activist, Britton later earned a medical degree and became the first African-American female doctor in the state of Kentucky, practicing in Lexington.

*Dr. Mary E.
Britton*



Mary E. Britton Middle School

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Grew up in the area now known as Gratz Park
- Moved with her family to Berea, Kentucky
- Attended Berea College
- Member of the faculty at Berea College, teaching instrumental music
- Taught in several schools in central Kentucky and advocated for the improvement of pedagogy in African-American schools
- Taught in the Lexington School System
- Spoke out on behalf of woman suffrage
- Established the Ladies Orphans' Home Society
- Created the Colored Orphan Industrial Home in Lexington, Kentucky
- Became the first African-American woman licensed to practice medicine in Lexington, Kentucky

*Dr. Mary E.
Britton*



Mary E. Britton Middle School

- Charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lexington
- Original member of the Kentucky Negro Education Association
- President of the Lexington Woman's Improvement Club
- Her writings on moral and social reform can be found in local newspapers, and she wrote a regular women's column in the Lexington Herald
- As a physician, she focused on addressing the healthcare needs of black Americans who were refused care by hospitals and physicians bound by the dictates of “separate but equal”

*Dr. Mary E.
Britton*



Mary E. Britton Middle School

- One of the first members to join the State Association of Colored Teachers in 1877
- Made healthcare possible for African Americans
- Championed the the welfare of the youth and elderly
- Deliberately challenged dominant perspectives regarding a black woman's place by refusing to be constrained by cultural dictates related to her race, gender, or class status



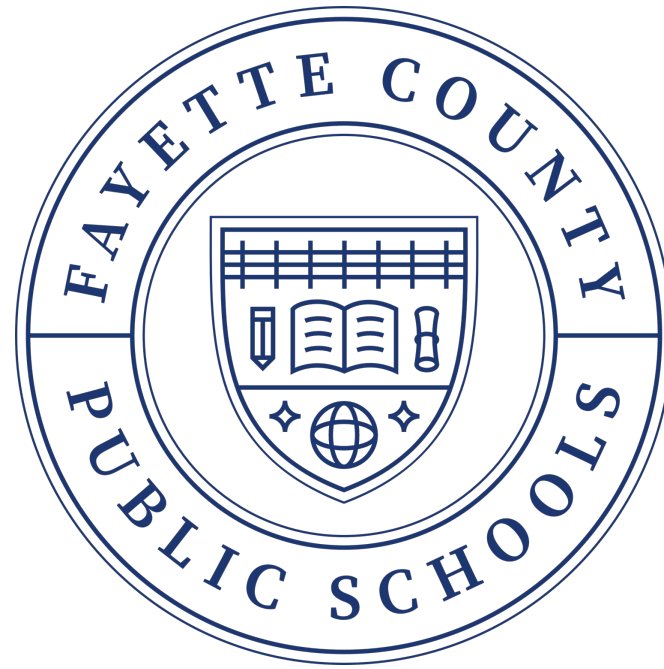
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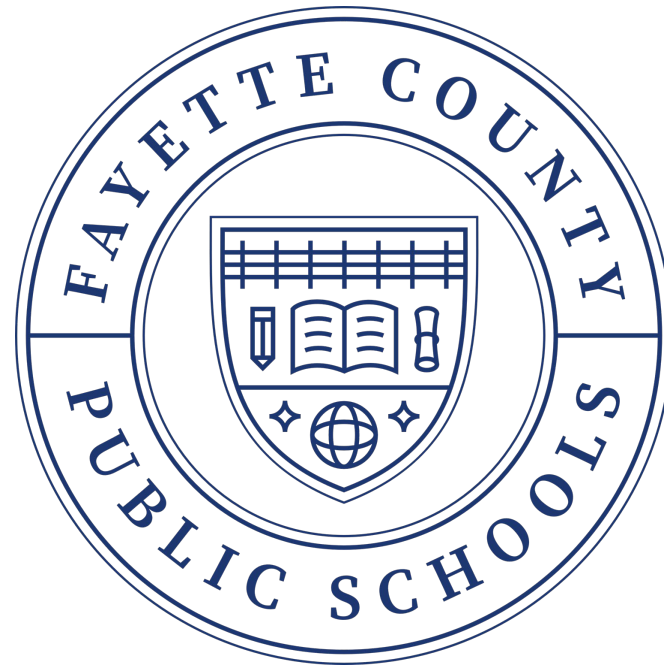
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Questions?



Thank you!