

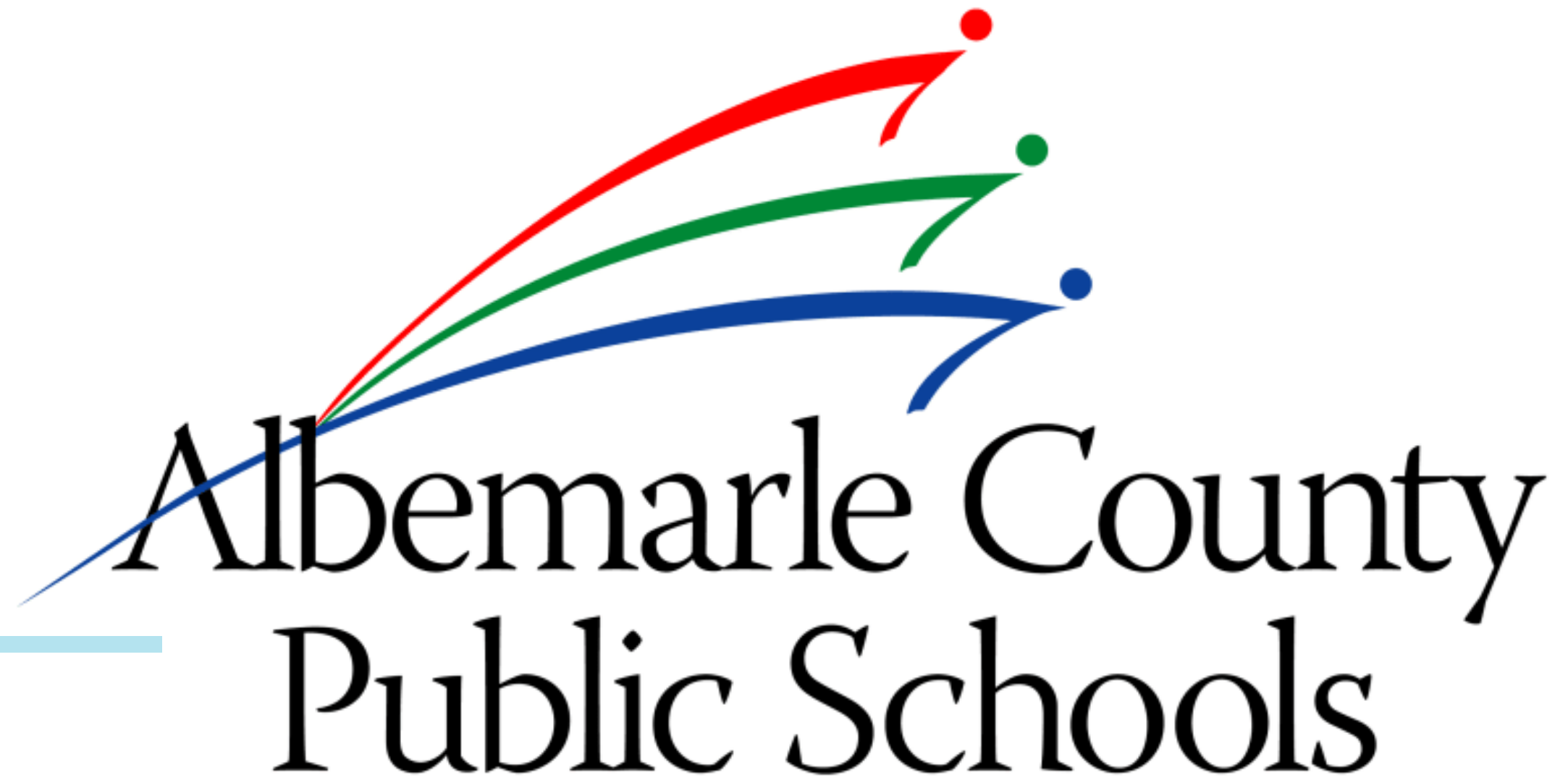
# School Name Review Update

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# School Board Directive to the Superintendent


On October 25, 2018, the School Board directed the Superintendent to:



**Add school division values to the criteria for naming school buildings and facilities.**



**Review the names of all schools in the division named after individuals, and how faithful those designations are to the values of our school division.**



**Report recommendations to the Board for changing the names of schools that are inconsistent with our values.**

# Strategic Plan: Learning for All

## VISION

Our learners are engaged in authentic, challenging, and relevant learning experiences, becoming lifelong contributors and leaders in our dynamic and diverse society.

## MISSION

Working together as a team, we will end the predictive value of race, class, gender, and special capacities for our children's success through high-quality teaching and learning for all. We seek to build relationships with families and communities to ensure that every student succeeds.

**We will know every student.**

## VALUES

- Equity
- Excellence
- Family and Community
- Wellness

## GOALS



**Thriving Students**



**Affirming and Empowering Communities**



**Equitable, Transformative Resources**

# ACPS Anti -Racism policy

Albemarle County School Board  
Policy ACC Anti-Racism states  
“The Albemarle County School  
Board (“Board”) and the Albemarle  
County Public Schools (“Division”)  
reject all forms of racism as  
destructive to the Division’s  
mission, vision, values, and goals.”



**WE STRIVE TO BECOME  
ANTI-RACIST**

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#### **Albemarle County Public Schools**

is committed to establishing and sustaining an equitable community that achieves the School Division's equity mission to end the predictive value of race and ensure each individual student's and staff's success. The Albemarle County School Board and School Division reject all forms of racism as destructive to their mission, vision, values, and goals.



# Individual Racism



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Is pre-judgment, bias, or discrimination by an individual based on race. Individual racism includes both privately held beliefs, conscious and unconscious, and external behaviors and actions towards others.

# Institutional Racism

Occurs within institutions and organizations, such as schools, that adopt and maintain policies, practices, and procedures that often unintentionally produce inequitable outcomes for people of color and advantages for white people.



# Systemic/Structural Racism



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Encompasses the history and current reality of institutional racism across all institutions and society -- It refers to the history, culture, ideology, and interactions of institutions and policies that perpetuate a system of inequity that is detrimental to communities of color.

# Past School Name Reviews: School Board Actions

- **Paul H. Cale Elementary ➤ Mountain View Elementary**
- **Mortimer Y. Sutherland Middle ➤ Lakeside Middle**
- **Virginia L. Murray Elementary ➤ Virginia L. Murray Elementary**
- **Charter Public School ➤ Community Lab School**
- **Jack Jouett Middle ➤ Journey Middle**
- **Broadus Wood Elementary ➤ Broadus Wood Elementary**
- **Mary Carr Greer Elementary ➤ Mary Carr Greer Elementary**
- **Meriwether Lewis Elementary School ➤ Ivy Elementary**



# School Name Review Process Changes

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- **Staff Research/Recommendation ➤ Board Directive**

Upon direction from the Superintendent, a staff designee shall (a) provide research to the School Board about the individual for whom the school is named so that the School Board may determine whether the existing school name aligns with the current vision, mission, and values of the School Board; and (b) present a recommendation to the School Board as to whether the current name should be retained or changed.

- **Board Directive ➤ Retention or Review**

The School Board will determine whether to retain the current name or rename the school. Names of individual(s) will not be considered in the renaming process.

- **Name Review ➤ Community Process**

Advisory Committee, Surveys, Public Meetings

# Remaining Schools for Review

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## Baker-Butler Elementary

Named in 2002 after 1st African-American ACPS School Board Chair John E. Baker (1932-2015) and 1st African-American Board of Supervisors member James R. Butler (-2003)

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## Agnor-Hurt Elementary

Opened in 1992; Named after County Executive Guy B. Agnor Jr. (1929-1996) and AHS Principal Benjamin Hurt (1918-2018)

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## Stone-Robinson Elementary

Founded in 1961 the school was named Stone-Robinson by a committee of citizens after Mary L. Stone, matriarch of the family upon whose land the previous school was situated, and Rev. Frank L. Robinson, rector of Grace Episcopal Church.

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## Joseph T. Henley Middle

Named in honor of Albemarle County School Board Chairman and former Supervisor Joseph Temple Henley, Jr. (1928- 2011) in 1996.

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## Leslie H. Walton Middle

Founded in 1974. The school was named for Reverend Leslie H. Walton, an ACPS Superintendent.

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## Jackson P. Burley Middle

Opened as a High School for Blacks in 1951, the school was named for a prominent African-American businessman whose property was taken by eminent domain to build the school. It was renamed Jackson P. Burley Middle School when acquired by ACPS as a middle school in 1974.

# Sources

- Daily Progress
- Interviews
- Obituaries
- School Board Minutes
- Scottsville Museum
- Board of Supervisors Minutes
- Yearbooks
- Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society
- Albemarle's Black Classrooms-Lorenzo Dickerson
- School Board commissioned research by Shelly Murphy, Jean L. Cooper and April Burns



# Baker-Butler Elementary



- Built in 2002, named after John E. Baker and James R. Butler by a committee empaneled by Superintendent.
- **John Baker** (1932-2005), a retired Army Lt. Col., and former Community College Vice-President, was the first black elected member and Chair of the ACPS School Board. He served on a number of boards and committees and was recognized for his service to the community by the Virginia General Assembly in 2006.
- **James R. Butler** (1914-2003), was the first African-American Executive Director of an Extension Office and was the first Black elected to the County Board of Supervisors. He was instrumental in establishing CATEC and [recognized by the General Assembly for his contributions to many organizations upon his death.](#)
- A review commissioned by the ACPS school board and conducted by Murphy et. al., indicated “no quotes or articles that seem to be problematic.”
- *This name is consistent with ACPS values of Equity, Excellence, Family and Community, Wellness and is recommended for RETENTION.*

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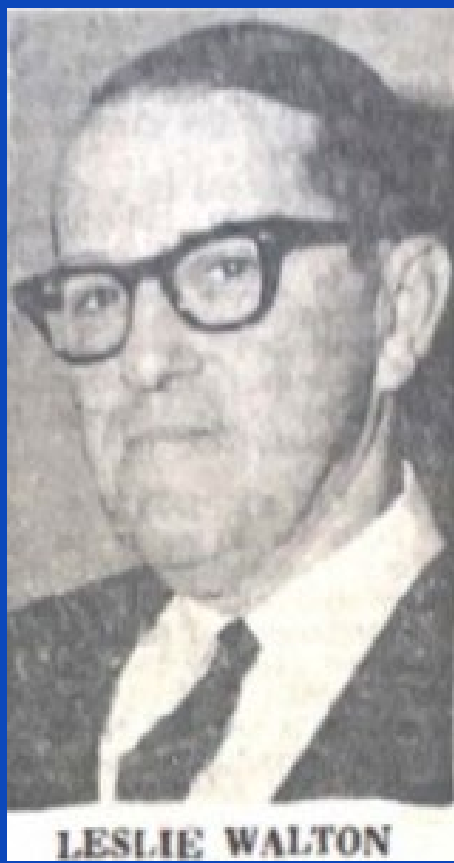


JOSEPH T. HENLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1966  
Addition/Renovation: 1999  
1998 Capacity: 690

- Henley Middle School opened on September 6, 1966, and was named after ACPS School Board Chair and farmer, Joseph Temple Henley Sr., although many sources indicate it was named for his son, Joseph T. Henley Jr.
- **Joseph T. Henley Sr. (1901-1960)** was a farmer who began Henley's Orchard and Holly Hill Farm in Crozet in 1932. Active in local politics, he chaired the ACPS school board from 1946-1960, where he continuously served on the Burley Committee ensuring continuous, though segregated education for non-white students, and continued to keep Virginia Murray on payroll upon discovery of her brain tumor. A resolution was passed in her honor upon her death. In 1951, he challenged Sen. E.O. McCue for his seat and lost. He was killed in a farming accident and the chairmanship of the school board passed to EJ Oglesby. Within 3 years of the absence of his leadership, the Board of Supervisors fired the entire board after they created a policy to cancel all athletics and activities if forced to integrate schools.
- While his tenure with the school board encompassed a very difficult time in ACPS history, research commissioned by the school board by Murphy et al indicated they "found nothing that seems problematic."
- **Joseph Temple Henley, Jr. (1928-2011)** served on the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors representing the White Hall District for 16 years. He took over the family business and was named Outstanding Farmer of the Year for Albemarle County in 1961. A father of four married for 60 years, He was a member of the White Hall Ruritan Club, Crozet Sportsman Club, Tuesday Night Supper Club, and was a life-long member of Crozet United Methodist Church acting as Sunday School Teacher, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairman, Trustee, and member of the CUMC Men's Club.
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Est. 1966



# Leslie Hughes Walton Middle

- Opened in 1974, the school was named after ACPS School Board Chair Leslie Hughes Walton, who died of a heart attack one year into his term. Some sources incorrectly identify his father, Rev. Leslie Harvey Walton as the namesake.
- **Leslie Hughes Walton (1906-1970)** was born in Fork Union. His father was Reverend Leslie Harvey Walton (Scottsville Baptist Church). He married Lady Boggs in 1940. Known as a “Lifelong Democrat” he unsuccessfully ran for statewide office in 1967. Walton taught at Greenwood School early in his career, was the principal of Scottsville High School, served as Clerk of the School Board and took the role of Assistant Superintendent in 1947, working closely with his best friend, Paul Cale. On Cale’s retirement in 1969 he became Superintendent. According to the Daily Progress on July 12, 1970, “Those who knew them and observed them working together were continually struck by their singlemindedness of purpose.”
- *Additional RESEARCH is required to determine whether this name is consistent with ACPS values.*



Est. 1974

# Agnor -Hurt Elementary



- Agnor-Hurt was opened in 1992 and was named in honor of former county executive Guy Agnor Jr. and Albemarle educator and principal Benjamin Franklin Hurt. In addition to Agnor-Hurt, the drive leading to AHS is named for Hurt.
- **Guy B. Agnor Jr. (1929-1996)** was County Executive from 1976-1990. Originally from Lexington VA, he graduated from VMI 1951. After serving as a Captain in the Army, he worked briefly in his family's oil business, taught at VMI, and was City Manager for the City of Lexington from 1966 to 1972. He became Public Works Director in Charlottesville in 1972. A father of four, he was active at the Senior Center and First United Methodist Church and received the Paul Goodloe McIntire Award from the Charlottesville Albemarle Chamber of Commerce for outstanding community leadership.
- A review commissioned by the ACPS school board and conducted by Murphy et. Al indicated "A review of this individual found no quotes or articles that seem problematic."

*Est. 1992*



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- **Benjamin Franklin Hurt (1918-2018)** was principal of Albemarle High School from 1954-1984 and was elected to the VHSL Hall of Fame. Prior to that, he served as a teacher, coach and principal at Greenwood High School. He received a degree in Latin at Hamden-Sydney and Master's degree in education at UVA. During WWII, he served four years in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Crozet Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Crozet Lions Club for 70 years. Nationally, minstrel shows are a well-documented form of entertainment and fundraising historically utilized by Lions Clubs. During his tenure at AHS, the Booster Club's annual fundraising minstrel shows and were pictured in the school's yearbooks, along with other images that can be seen as troublesome by current standards. Upon his death, Mr. Hurt was highly lauded and honored by many.
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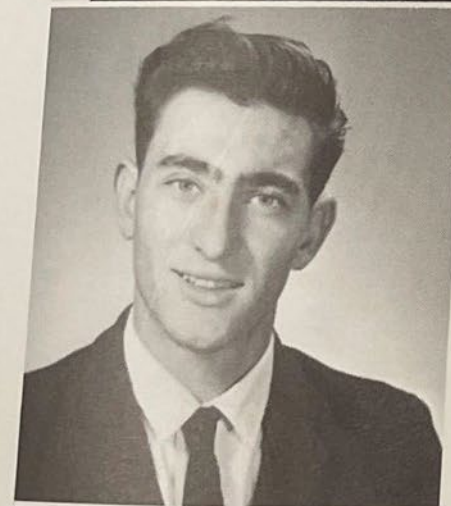
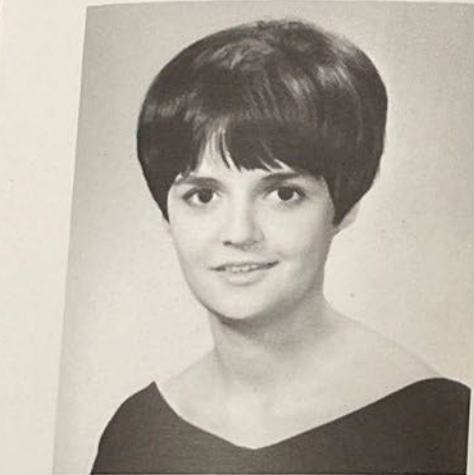


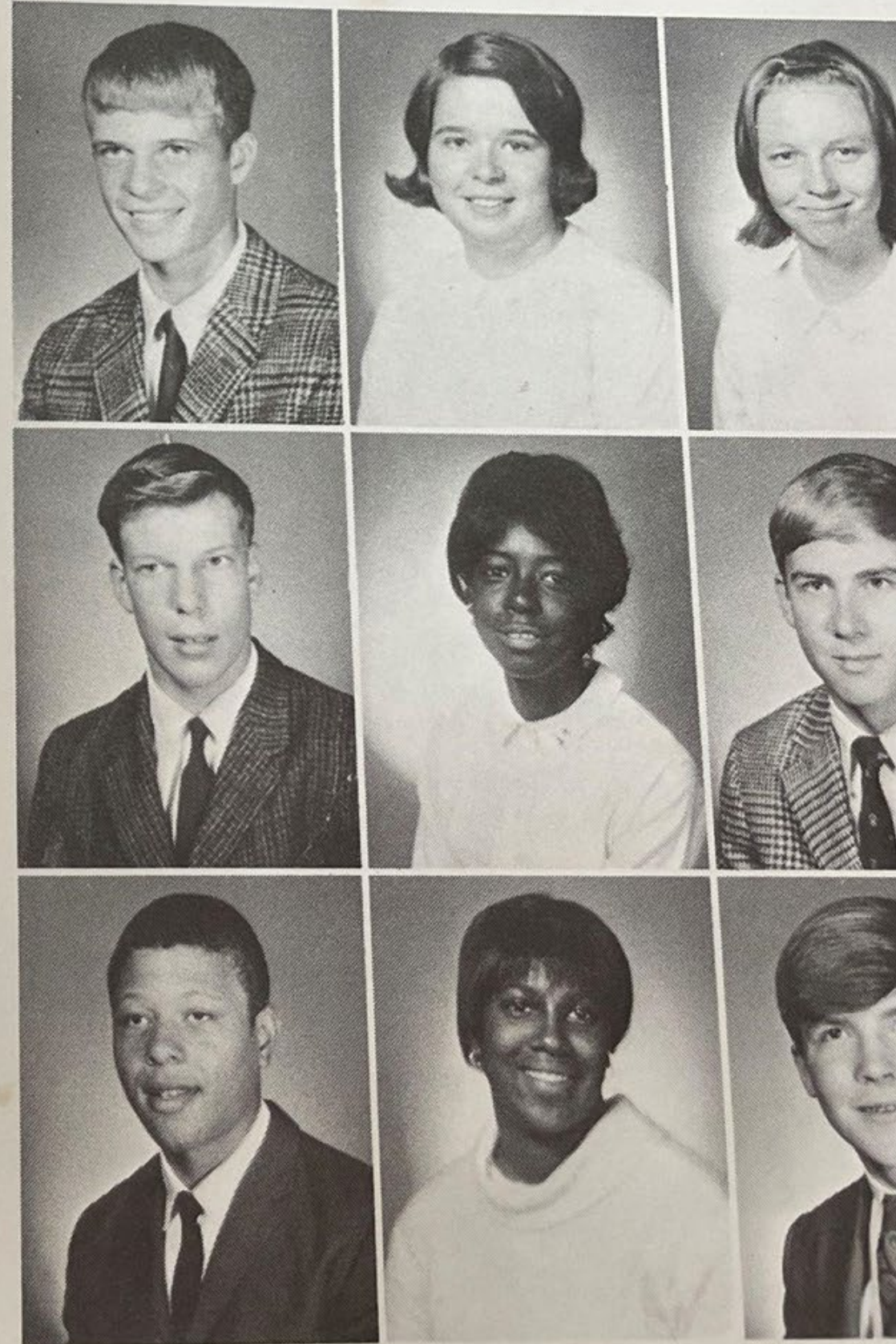
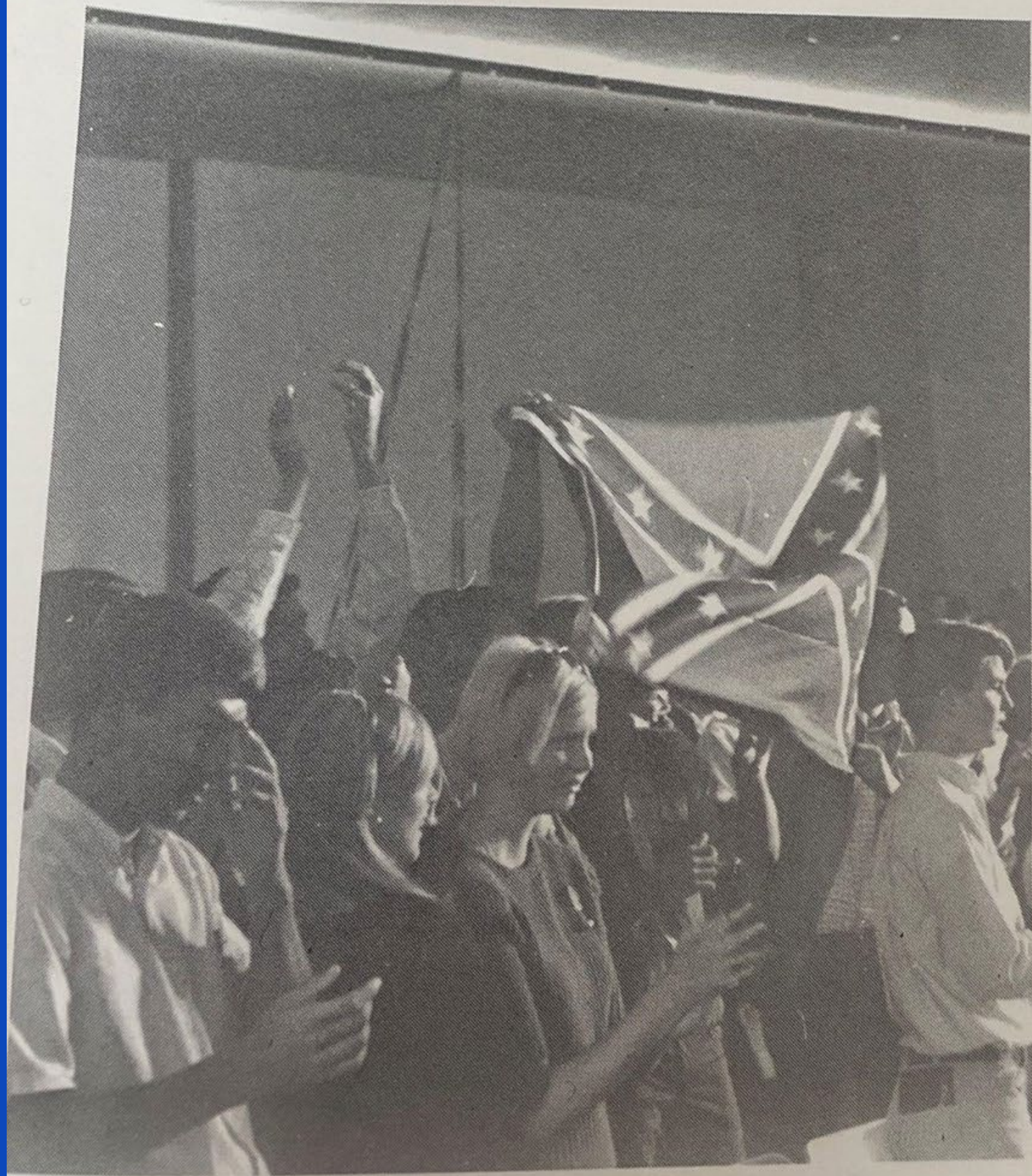
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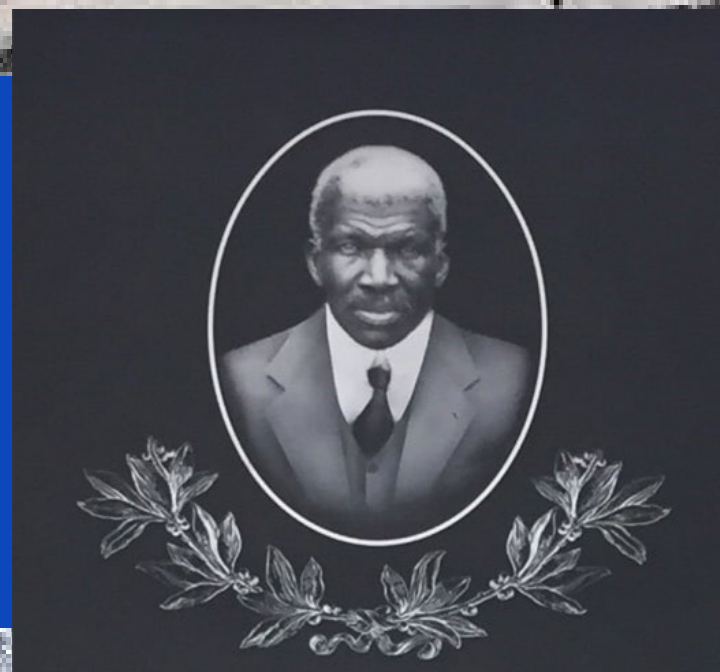
**Est. 1961**



# Stone-Robinson Elementary

- Stone-Robinson Elementary School was created in 1961 when two smaller schools, Overton and Cismont were consolidated. A committee of citizens agreed that the school would be named for both Mary L. Stone and Rev. Leslie Robinson. The school remained segregated until 1966.
- **Mary L. Stone (1873-1940)** was the matriarch of the Stone family of Morven, on which the Overton School was located. She was very active in the Garden Club and frequently shared the grounds and gardens with local school children. In her later years she would serve the community as a librarian.
- **Rev. Frank L. Robinson (1874-1960)** was the rector at Grace Church in Keswick from 1910. He took a great interest in the Cismont School, visiting regularly. He married Mabel Graeme Farrish, and they had one son, Francis Leslie Robinson, Jr.
- A review commissioned by the ACPS school board and conducted by Murphy et. al, indicated neither of these individuals were actively involved in schools and revealed no quotes or articles out of line with ACPS values.
- *This name is consistent with ACPS values of Equity, Excellence, Family and Community, Wellness and is recommended for RETENTION.*

Est. 1974



# Jackson P. Burley Middle

- Opened as a joint City/County High School for Blacks in 1951, the school was named for a prominent African-American businessman whose property was condemned and then purchased by the city over the objection of his widow to build the school. It was renamed Jackson P. Burley Middle School when acquired by ACPS as a middle school in 1974.
- **Jackson P. Burley (1929-1996)** According to the Daily Progress, June 2, 1950, Burley was a native of Albemarle County born in 1863. He studied at Hampton Institute and following his graduation began his long career as a teacher. He later moved back to Albemarle County, and taught agriculture at the Albemarle Training School for nineteen years before retiring in 1937. As a life-long educator and community leader, the committee agreed that it was most fitting to name the new high school for him. It was also appropriate as most of the land where Burley stands had belonged to Jackson P. Burley and his family.
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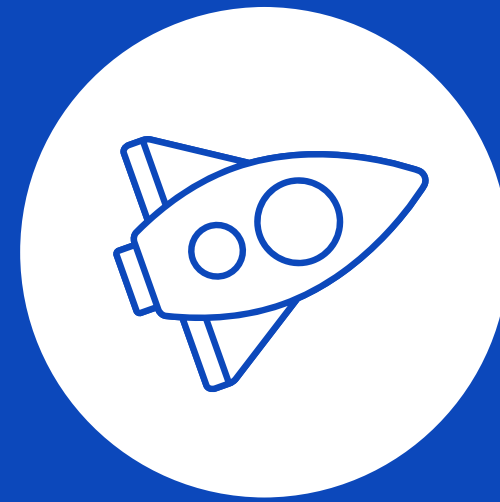
# Recommendation



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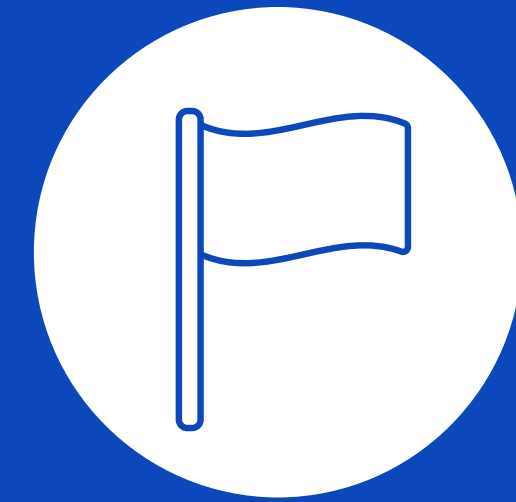
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## RESEARCH

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- Agnor-Hurt Elementary
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## REVIEW

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To be determined  
by School Board