

Hello Cougar family,

On Tuesday, June 23rd 2020 the CMS Board of Education voted to begin the process of renaming Zebulon B. Vance High School. We will begin this process by establishing a ***School Name Advisory Committee***, whose charge will be to engage the community in providing input and feedback on a new name for our school that aligns with the vision, mission and core values of CMS and our community. Based on CMS Board Policy FF-R, in developing the list of names, the Committee shall use the following directives and guidelines:

1. The Committee shall solicit input from community, historical and cultural groups.
2. All decisions of the Committee should be made by consensus.
3. All recommended names should be easily identifiable with the school and should have special meaning to students and citizens of the community.
4. The recommended names should not be in conflict with the names of other schools, buildings, or facilities in the system.
5. The recommended names may represent the geographic area or community in which the school is located, a historical figure or location, or an individual who is deceased whose name has special significance and / or who made an outstanding contribution to the school or school system, community, state or nation.
6. The Committee should research the history of each recommended name and provide a summary of the research with the submitted list.

The School Name Advisory Committee will consist of the following members:

- 1 Committee Facilitator (Assigned by the Principal)
- 5 Current VHS Scholars
- 3 Parents or Guardians of Current VHS Scholars
- 3 Feeder School Parents (1 from each feeder: James Martin Middle, MLK Jr. Middle, Governor's Village STEM Academy)
- 10 Current Faculty and/or Staff Members
- 3 VHS Alumni
- 2 Business and/or Faith-based Community Partners
- 2 Community Residents From the VHS Attendance Zone

If you are interested in being a part of the ***School Name Advisory Committee*** or supporting the Zebulon B. Vance renaming process in another way, please complete and submit the [Google Form here](#). The Google Form is also located on the homepage of our school-website as well as on our school Instagram and Facebook pages. If you do not have access to the internet you can call the school at 980-343-5284 to submit your contact information.

The opportunity for a school community, including its scholars, to participate in choosing a name for their school is unique. It encourages all of us to think deeply about what we value in our school, what we want to celebrate in our community and how we will define success for our graduates. We look forward to working alongside of you in this process.

Sincerely,

Principal Turner