

## Fact Sheet: Process for Renaming High School

- The Staunton School Board voted 4-2 during its Oct. 8, 2018 regular meeting to change the name of Robert E. Lee High School and to seek public input on a different name for the high school. [Read the motion to change the name.](#)
- The School Board will accept name suggestions from students, faculty staff and the general public via an online survey Oct. 9 through Oct. 31. Name suggestions must be submitted in writing. The Board will not accept name suggestions verbally. [View the survey and submit your name suggestion\(s\).](#)
- The Board is providing five name ideas in the survey, as discussed in its Sept. 28 retreat, as well as an option for the public to write in their own name suggestions.
- After the survey period, the School Board will review submissions during one or more work sessions in November (dates to be announced).
- The School Board is not required to name the school based on any of the suggestions provided in its survey. It is the sole responsibility of the School Board to determine the name of schools and school facilities in the division, and the Board reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the name of any public school or school facility in Staunton.
- However, the Board appreciates the input of the high school's current and former students and the community at large and sees value in providing an opportunity for the public to weigh in on this important decision.
- The Board will vote on a name, possibly as soon as its November 12, 2018 regular meeting, and a process and timeline for instating the name will be discussed and considered at that time.
- The Board will not rename the high school with any variation or derivation of the current name.

## Selection of School Mascot and Colors

- The selection of a school mascot and colors is a school governance matter, and the School Board will not be involved in those decisions. The Board's only responsibility is to name school buildings and facilities. High school students, faculty and staff as well as middle school students will be invited to be a part of this process.