

**Public Hearing on Renaming of Schools
October 29, 2020 School Board Meeting
Comments by Karin Purugganan**

Dr. Hutchings and Board Members,

I am proud to be an ACPS graduate. (Go TITANS!!!)

I am proud to be an ACPS employee.

I am proud to have a daughter graduate from ACPS.

I am proud to have four more children in ACPS.

I am proud to live and work in Alexandria.

I AM COMPLETELY ASHAMED THAT WE CONTINUE TO HAVE OUR ONLY HIGH SCHOOL NAMED FOR A SEGREGATIONIST.

Tonight I ask you to:

1. Please agree to change the name.
2. Please set up a QUICK engagement to determine a new name.
3. Please SHOW OUR BLACK AND BROWN STUDENTS THAT THEY MATTER.

ACPS prides itself on equity and celebrating diversity! PLEASE demonstrate our celebration to diversity by changing the name of our high school.

As Dr. Hutchings mentioned in the Washington Post this summer, a name change was something we didn't even think was possible in the '90s. Let's make it possible now!

With kind regards and URGENCY,

Karin Purugganan
Samuel Tucker Counselor
ACPS Parent ('16, '26, '27, '30, '32)
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