

# Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #75

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**Topic \*** Rename Tc Williams

**Name \*** Rachel Windmuller

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Dear Board members,

Our high school name needs to be changed. Tc Williams is a name that should never have been and should no longer be placed on Alexandria's only high school. It is disrespectful and racist to keep the name Tc Williams, not only because he was the superintendent of Acps and kept the schools segregated, but because Tc Williams himself wouldn't have wanted any students of color to attend Tc. Anyone who delays the name change is perpetuating racism. Many students who attend Tc have to deal with societal racism everyday and keeping the name Tc Williams is degrading to them. As a lifelong student of Acps who will be attending Tc this fall, I feel betrayed and disappointed at the postponing of the name change. Putting off the name change of Tc is unacceptable and an endorsement of societal racism. It invalidates the racism that happens to students and encourages the acceptance of casual racism. It is the School Boards responsibility to make positive change in Acps schools and the School Board owes it to the students to make this change now.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Windmuller