

# Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #79

**My public comments are related to: \*** General Public Comments

**Topic \*** Request to rename T.C. Williams High School

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Alexandria School Board:

I have seen the motion regarding the T.C. Williams name change and I urge you to move more quickly, and speak to this issue with more force. Across the country, communities are taking steps to address the racist names and symbols that too many of us have accepted for too long. Alexandria should lead here – and Alexandria certainly should not follow 10 to 12 months later. The time is now.

So I write to urge you to amend the motion being considered on July 10 to include the following language to DEFINITELY and AFFIRMATIVELY commit to removing the name T.C. Williams from our high school by no later than Dec 31, 2020.

Please vote to amend the motion in the following manner: INSERT: “I FURTHER MOVE, that as of December 31, 2020, T.C. Williams will no longer be the name of Alexandria’s high school. As such, T.C. Williams shall not be considered as a name for the high school during the public engagement process outlined in Section 1, Regulation FF-R , nor shall it be included in the Superintendent’s recommendations.” Also, strike “in the spring of 2021” and insert “no later than December 31, 2020.” Also, strike “to examine a name change for” and add “to change the name of.”

Thank you for all you are doing in the difficult time.