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Alexandria School Board: While I applaud taking steps to begin considering a rename of TC Williams High School, I believe that it is well past time to merely consider. The name must be changed. I am urging 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."

Please take note of the Governor's urging to remove racist monuments. The time is now. I have no doubt that the African-American community churches, leaders, and those who seek to be on the right side of history will consider your action/inaction at the next election cycle. Do the right thing move forward quickly with the name change. Follow the examples of Fairfax County and the City of Richmond.

Possible name- Parker-Gray High School Titans, Herman Boone Stadium, Petey Jones Field

Respectfully,
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