

# Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #178

<b>I would like to provide: *</b>	Written Public Comments
<b>Select the meeting date:* *</b>	
<b>My public comments are related to:</b>	School Renaming
<b>Topic *</b>	10/29 public hearing on renaming of schools
<b>Full Name *</b>	Allen Irwin
<b>What is your relationship to ACPS? *</b>	Parent/Guardian of an ACPS Student
<b>Enter your comments here OR upload below:</b>	<p>ACPS Board Members,</p> <p>I am asking that you expeditiously commit to renaming TC Williams and Maury schools. The Identity Project sessions have highlighted what was evident when you received the renaming petitions months ago– the schools' namesakes aren't worthy of the honor by contemporary standards, let alone those of their times. A decision to rename the schools, made by removing their present names from consideration, would allow resources to be better focused on the positive engagement of selecting appropriate honorees (or a designation not after an individual).</p> <p>Alternately, the board can choose to let this process drag out to great lengths. At a recent meeting, a student was subjected to some of the abuse the schools' namesakes would have found familiar. While unfortunate and not representative, it was a predictable outcome of a process that grants standing to some who'd seek to engage in a modern day "lost cause."</p> <p>Please elect to move on from this chapter quickly, now that community ignorance is no longer a defense for the status quo.</p> <p>Thank you, Allen Irwin</p>

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