

Public Comments for Virtual School Board Meetings #74

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Topic * Request to Rename TC Williams HS

Name * Sarah Pray

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Dear School Board members–

As I indicated in an earlier email to you all, I implore you to change the name of our high school. I can only imagine the pressure you are all under due to Covid-19 and the school closures, so I don't make this urgent request lightly. As some other advocates have said better than I, the moment of opportunity is historic and waiting until 2021 is simply too late to demonstrate the urgency that this moment demands. I appreciate your acknowledgment that T.C Williams was a racist segregationist; there's no other choice but to change the name now.

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!

Sarah Pray