



W.T. Woodson High School

**Renaming Community
Meeting #2**

October 23, 2023

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Tonight's Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Goal for the meeting

Renaming process and timeline

Recommendations

Q&A

Next Steps

Fairfax County School Board

Elaine Tholen, *Chair and Dranesville District Representative*

Karl Frisch, *Vice Chair and Providence District Representative*

Megan McLaughlin, *Braddock District Representative*

Tamara Derenak Kaufax, *Franconia District Representative*

Melanie K. Meren, *Hunter Mill District Representative*

Ricardy Anderson, *Mason District Representative*

Karen Corbett Sanders, *Mount Vernon District Representative*

Laura Jane Cohen, *Springfield District Representative*

Stella Pekarsky, *Sully District Representative*

Karen Keys-Gamarra, *Member-at-Large*

Abrar Omeish, *Member-at-Large*

Rachna Sizemore Heizer, *Member-at-Large*

Rida Karim, *Student Representative*

FCPS Staff

Rebecca Baenig, *Assistant Superintendent, Region 5*

Kevin Greata, *Interim Principal, Woodson HS*

Christie Scott, *Director, Community Relations*

Tonight's Goals

- To give information about this second phase of the school renaming process.
- To gather feedback about name recommendations and suggestions.

About the Renaming Process

- A School Board authority
- Governed by [Policy 8170.7- Naming School Facilities](#) and [Regulation 8170.8](#)
- Per Policy 8170, The School Board may “consider a change in the name of an existing school or facility to ensure an inclusive, respectful learning environment as outlined in our adopted One Fairfax Policy or when the Board deems it appropriate...”

Renaming Process - Phase 1

- September 12 - October 12
- Purpose: Determine whether or not to rename the school, explore the option of Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a new name.
- Community Engagement:
 - Online Feedback Form (September 15 - October 12, 12:00 p.m.) - 1,415 responses
 - Community Meeting (October 4) - Approximately 60 attendees
 - Public Hearing (October 10) - 8 speakers
- School Board Action October 12 - Proceed with name change process

Renaming Process Timeline - Phase 2

October 12	School Board voted to proceed with the renaming process for W.T. Woodson HS
October 13 - November 9 12:00 p.m.)	Online feedback form open 😊
October 23	Community Meeting 😊
October 24	Public Hearing 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School (sign up to speak through October 23) 😊
November 9	School Board will take final action to officially rename the high school
SY 2024-25	New name implemented
😊	<i>Indicates opportunity for public input and feedback.</i>

Superintendent's Recommendation (10-12-23)

Consider the following:

- Woodson High School (Remove the W.T)
- Carter G. Woodson High School
- Continue to seek input from the community during the second phase of public engagement

Questions & Answers

Questions and Feedback

- This collective input will be shared with staff and the School Board
- Visit the webpage for continued information
 - Search: “Woodson High School Renaming”
 - Sign up for mailing list to stay informed
 - Feedback form open until 12:00 p.m. November 9

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