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**Superintendent's Recommendation
for W.T Woodson High School
Renaming**

Dr. Michelle Reid
October 12, 2023

- [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...”

Process and Timeline: Phase 1

- September 12, 2023 - Request to consider a name change presented to School Board ([Forum Topic](#))
- September 14, 2023 - Presented at School Board Meeting (new business)
- September 15 - October 12 (noon) - Online feedback form open
- October 4 - Community Meeting
- October 10 - Public Hearing
- October 12 - School Board takes action to change the name of the school and Superintendent presents name recommendations for School Board consideration

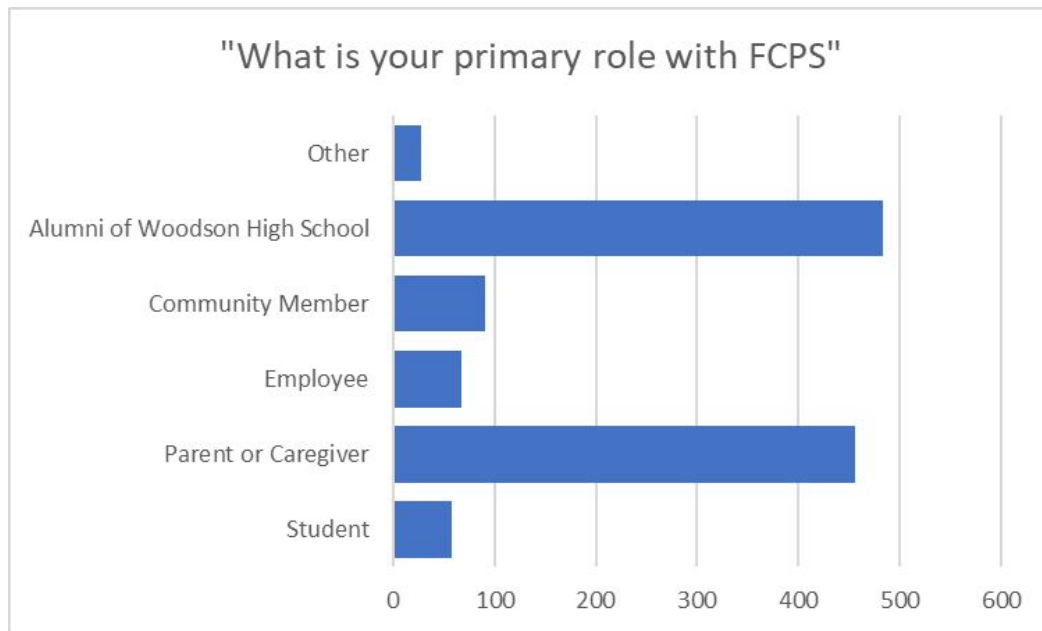
Community Engagement: Phase 1

- Online Feedback Form (Open September 15 - October 12, noon) - 1,415 responses
- Community Meeting (October 4) - Approximately 60 attendees
- Public Hearing (October 10) - 8 speakers

Overview of Online Feedback

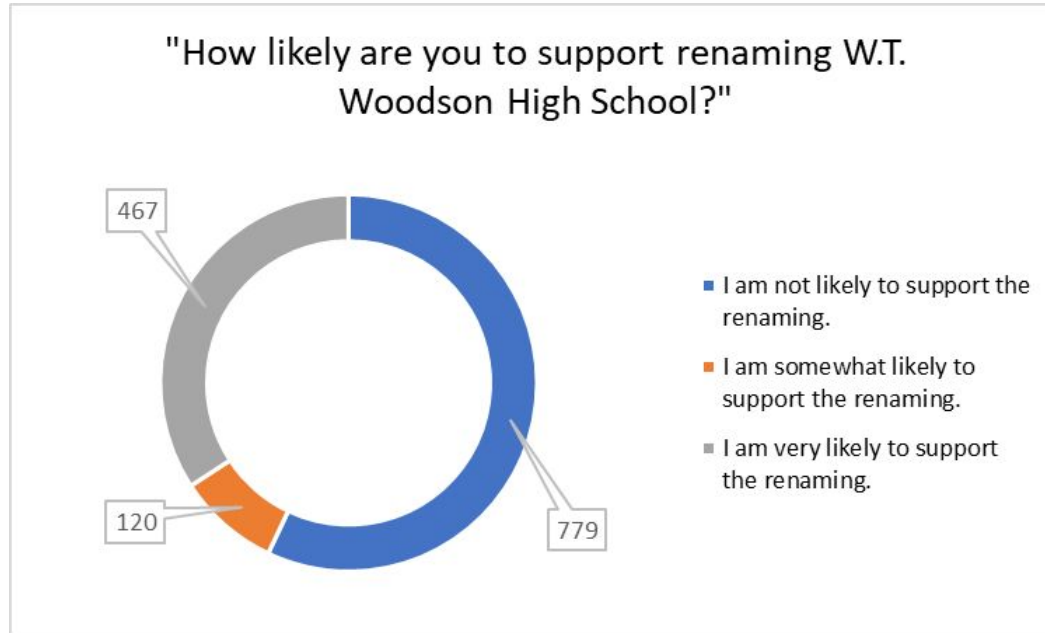
Who Responded*:

- 483 identified as Alumni of Woodson High School
- 456 identified as a parent/caregiver
- 90 identified as a community member
- 58 identified as a student
- 67 identified as an employee
- 27 identified as other



*Respondents self-identified and were not required to identify their role.

Support for Renaming (All Responses)



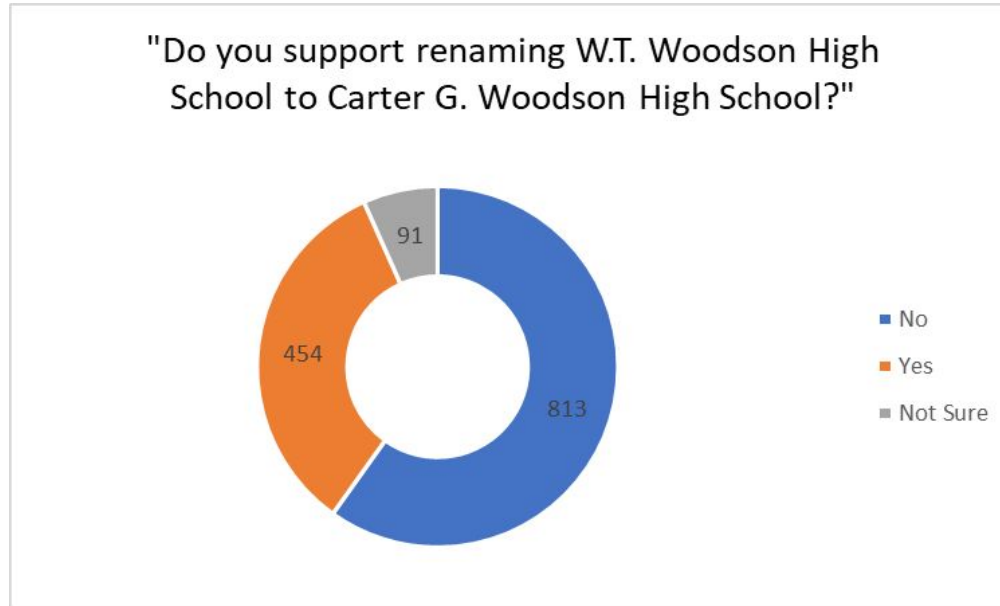
1366 total responses to this question

1415 total responses to the feedback form

Support for Renaming (By Role)

| Primary Role with FCPS? | I am not likely to support the renaming. | I am very likely to support the renaming. | I am somewhat likely to support the renaming. | No response | Grand Total |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Other | 104 | 111 | 20 | 7 | 243 |
| Alumni of Woodson High School | 336 | 117 | 12 | 18 | 483 |
| Parent or Caregiver | 170 | 195 | 78 | 13 | 456 |
| Grand Total | 610 | 423 | 110 | 38 | 1182 |

Support for the name “Carter G. Woodson High School” (All Responses)



1358 total responses to this question
1415 total responses to the feedback form

Support for the name “Carter G. Woodson High School” (By Role)

| Q3 What is your primary role with FCPS? | No | Yes | Not Sure | No response | Grand Total |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Other | 16 | 11 | | | 27 |
| Alumni of Woodson High School | 342 | 102 | 25 | 14 | 483 |
| Community Member | 49 | 36 | 4 | 1 | 90 |
| Employee | 25 | 38 | 2 | 2 | 67 |
| Parent or Caregiver | 199 | 203 | 48 | 6 | 456 |
| Student | 29 | 25 | 2 | 2 | 58 |
| Grand Total | 660 | 415 | 81 | 25 | 1181 |

Preliminary Feedback on Name Suggestions

- Carter G. Woodson - 454
- Woodson (Remove the W.T) - 42
- No Suggestion - 163
- Do Not Change - 109
- All Other Name Suggestions - 369
 - Examples:
 - Little River High School - 9
 - Main Street High School - 5
 - Turnpike High School - 5
 - Accotink Creek High School - 4
 - Red Jenkins High School - 4

Superintendent's Recommendation

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

Process and Timeline: Phase 2

Pending School Board vote October 12

- October 13 - November 1 - Online Feedback Form Open
- October 23, 6:30 p.m. - Community meeting at Woodson High School
- October 24, 5:30 p.m. - Public Hearing
- November 9 - School Board takes final action to rename the facility

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