

DATE: August 3,2020

TO: Diana Craighead, President
Long Beach Unified School District, Board of Trustees

FROM: Minnie Douglas, Ed.D., R.N. *Minnie Douglas*
Community Activist

SUBJECT: Renaming Jordan High School, Long Beach

Dear Ms. Craighead:

This is written to support the renaming of Jordan High School to Felton Williams High School. I believe Dr. Williams is most deserving of this honor, as he has truly proven himself to be a servant leader in his tenacity to work diligently to improve the quality of life for students and the population at large through educational endeavors. Dr. Williams public service is note worthy in describing his commitment to the city and it's educational institutions.

Dr. Williams, a native Californian, born in San Pedro has through the years volunteered his time by serving on many boards and committees that touched the lives of our youth. Several of these involvements include: 1) serving as Chairman of the Education Committee for the 100 Black Men, Long Beach organization;2) actively involved in the development and implementation of Seamless Education, a collaboration between Long Beach Unified School District, Long Beach Community College , California State University, Long Beach and the Mayor's office, City of Long Beach in working together to enhance the educational experiences of all students; 3) member Ethics Committee, City of Long Beach; 4) member, St. Mary Medical Center, Community Board;5) Chair, Curriculum Committee, Leadership Long Beach; 6) President, San Pedro Wilmington National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; 7) Chairman, Council of Great City Schools and 8) serving on Long Beach Unified School District Board of Trustees as member and president.

In addition to his public service, Dr. Williams' professional career has been in the educational arena. He has been an educational consultant, a college professor and a dean. His enthusiasm for education is another reason for the school being named after him. The energies he puts forward to make sure that experiences for students are of quality is something to be admired. My vote is for the school to be renamed in the honor of this outstanding educator.

c Leticia Rodriguez, Secretary
Long Beach Unified School District

