

Hello, we are Steve and Stephanie Adams, founders of the Sky Kids Creative Arts in Action for the Long Beach Unity Festival non-profit organization. I am writing to comment on Item 25 under New Business, the School Naming Policy. I am highly in favor of changing the name of Jordan High School to Felton C. Williams High School. Dr. Williams has been a long-time strong supporter of our organization's youth programming throughout the city for over two decades.

Dr. Williams has served as a member of the Board of Education for the past 16 years--five times as its president, and has been instrumental in the national and international success and academic ranking of schools, particularly in its efforts to improve the academic outcomes for students of color, and in particular, African American students. In addition, he has made significant contributions to the district and the city of Long Beach as follows:

- Served as a member of the Council of the Great City Schools Executive Committee (2004-2016, and Chair of the Council in 2017).
- Received National Urban Educator of the Year Green/Garner award from the Council of the Great City Schools (2017).
- Advocated for program to recruit and retain African-American male teachers in the school district. Subsequently developed partnership with CSU, Long Beach College of Education and created Elizabeth Patterson Scholarship Program
  - Helped facilitate the development and implementation of a district “dash board” to monitor the academic progress of students.
  - Elected president of the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach (2020).
  - Implemented *town hall* to promote President Barack Obama’s *My Brothers Keepers* project.

Worked with superintendent to implement district wide "*Ethnic Studies*" program

- Implemented volunteer advisory committee that developed and implemented program to recruit and retain students of color in Advanced Placement classes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very important change for our city, and the District.

Sincerely,  
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