

Hello, my name is Tracie Weathers, and I am a business owner in Long Beach. My business is located at 3711 Long Beach Blvd in Bixby Knolls. 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 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 the school, particularly in its efforts to improve the academic outcomes for students of color, and in particular, African American students. Dr. Williams' accomplishments are far too many to name here but there are a few that are of particular importance to me. As a new business owner in the City of Long Beach Dr. Williams introduced me to the chamber, as well as Leadership Long Beach. He is and will always be an advocate for all children but I am very proud of the work he did to retain African American male teachers in the school district. Also, he has recently been elected as the President of the African American Cultural Center of Long Beach. I asked for his guidance and support when I was the chair for the Long Beach Walk to end Alzheimer's. He not only participated, but engaged the students and their families as well. He is not just a great educational leader, he is a great leader. Therefore, I am requesting that Jordan High School be renamed in honor of this great man.

Thank you for your attention. Please confirm your receipt of my request.

Thank you,

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