

**CITY OF BALTIMORE**  
**ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Council Bill 17-0069**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Pinkett, Cohen  
Introduced and read first time: May 8, 2017  
Assigned to: Judiciary and Legislative Investigations Committee

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Committee Report: Favorable  
Council action: Adopted  
Read second time: July 17, 2017

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**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING**

**1 City Property – Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to**  
**2 Dorothy I. Height Elementary School**

3 FOR the purpose of changing the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61),  
4 located at 2011 Linden Avenue, to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

5 BY authority of  
6 Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
7 Section 20-2  
8 Baltimore City Code  
9 (Edition 2000)

**10 Recitals**

11 On May 14, 2015, John Eager Howard’s school modernization “Design Team”  
12 submitted to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Buildings Program a request for the Board of  
13 School Commissioners to consider changing the name of John Eager Howard  
14 Elementary School. On January 12, 2016, the Board of School Commissioners  
15 voted to close the Westside Elementary School and to change the school zone of  
16 the John Eager Howard Elementary School to include the Westside School zone.

17 In accordance with the regulations of the school system, the principal convened a  
18 committee comprised of teachers, administration, school partner (Child First  
19 Authority), 1 parent from the former John Eager Howard Elementary School  
20 (before the zones were combined), 1 parent from the former Westside Elementary  
21 School, 1 representative from the Penn North Community (Westside), and 1  
22 representative from the Reservoir Hill Community. After deliberations, this  
23 renaming committee submitted 2 names to members of the communities and the  
24 school community, and the name of Dorothy I. Height was selected to replace the  
25 name of John Eager Howard. Changing the name of the school will help build a  
26 new school identity.

**EXPLANATION:** CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.  
Underlining indicates matter added to the bill by amendment.  
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by  
amendment or deleted from existing law by amendment.

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1 Dorothy I. Height (March 24, 1912 - April 20, 2010) was an American  
2 administrator and educator and a civil and women’s rights activist whose focus  
3 was the issues of African-American women, including unemployment, literacy,  
4 and voter awareness. Dorothy Height was the president of the National Council  
5 of Negro Women for 40 years and was awarded the Presidential Medal of  
6 Freedom, in 1994, and the Congressional Gold Medal, in 2004.

7 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
8 name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, is  
9 changed to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
11 after the date it is enacted.

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City