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The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council

Attn: Executive Secretary
Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 22-0253 – City Property – Renaming Barclay
Elementary/Middle School to Gertrude S. Williams Barclay School

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 22-0253 for form and legal sufficiency. The bill would rename the Barclay Elementary/Middle School to Gertrude S. Williams Barclay School.

The Baltimore City Code allows for the naming of City property by ordinance. City Code, Art. 5, § 20-2. The bill that proposes the ordinance must be referred to the Planning Commission, the municipal agency that has or will have control over the City property, the Department of Real Estate, and any other agency that has an interest in the property. City Code, Art. 5, § 20-2(b).

The First Reader version of this bill states that it was referred to the City Solicitor, Department of Transportation, Department of Planning, Baltimore City Public School System, Baltimore Development Corporation, and Department of Real Estate. Assuming the Baltimore City Public School System has control over the school building, the bill has been properly referred and the Law Department can approve it for form and legal sufficiency.

Sincerely,

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Chief Solicitor

cc: James L. Shea, City Solicitor
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