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**Title:** City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School  
For the purpose of changing the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

**Sponsors:** Leon F. Pinkett, III, Zeke Cohen

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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
9/11/2017	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
8/14/2017	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
7/17/2017	0	City Council	3rd Reader, for final passage	
7/17/2017	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	
6/26/2017	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Recommended Favorably	Pass
6/20/2017	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
6/20/2017	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Reschedule Public Hearing	
6/19/2017	0	Judiciary and Legislative Investigations	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
5/11/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
5/11/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Planning Commission	
5/11/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Real Estate	
5/11/2017	0	The City Council	Refer to Baltimore City Public School System	
5/8/2017	0	City Council	Assigned	
5/8/2017	0	City Council	Introduced	

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The official copy considered by the City Council is the first reader copy.

**Introductory\***

**City of Baltimore**

## Council Bill

Introduced by: Councilmember Pinkett

### A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

### **City Property - Renaming John Eager Howard Elementary School to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School**

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

By authority of

Article 5 - Finance, Property, and Procurement  
Section 20-2  
Baltimore City Code  
(Edition 2000)

### Recitals

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

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

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

**Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore,** That the name of John Eager Howard Elementary School (School #61), located at 2011 Linden Avenue, is changed to Dorothy I. Height Elementary School (School #61).

**Section 2. And be it further ordained,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.