



Legislation Text

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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 21st 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 30th day after the date it is enacted.