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Mr. Gorman C. Ridgely
Mr. James A. Donovan

Mr. T. C. Williams, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Marguerite Wallace, Clerk of Board

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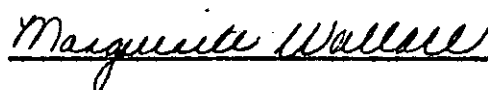
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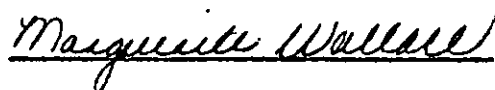
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SUGGESTED NAMES FOR THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL

Dag Hammarskjold

Daniel Morgan

Martha Custis

Alan Bartlett Shepard, Jr.

John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

T. C. Williams

Seminary Hill

Benjamin Hallowell

Irving Lindsey

Edythe Monahan

John Alexander

John Quincy Adams

Dr. John T. Ashton

John L. Lewis

Harry F. Byrd

Jefferson Davis

Hamilton

Thomas Jefferson

John F. Kennedy

Jackie Kennedy

Lincoln

Dollie Madison

General George C. Marshall

John Marshall

Samuel Haslett Meeks

Archer Millican

Mary Monroe

J. D. Murdaugh

Patrick

George S. Patton

John J. Pershing

Scott (Dinky)

Woodrow Wilson

Alexandria ,

Braddock

Highview

Braddock Heights

Monticello

Midtown

Mudtown

Quakertown

Tamarin

Cameron

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December 11, 1961

Mr. Thomas B. Mechling
Chairman, Alexandria School Board
216 S. Royal Street
Alexandria, Virginia

Mr. Mechling:

Don't you think it is about time that you members of the School Board took some action in regards to naming the fourth Alexandria public high school, which is now all but a reality.

It is almost daily called the "Mudtown" School, which isn't anything to be proud of and could become a nickname of the future if we continue to use it.

I'm suggesting, as a native born son of Alexandria, that the new school be named the T.C. Williams High School after our fine superintendent. Surely no one deserves to have a school named after him more than Mr. Williams for he has dedicated his life to seeing that our city has the finest schools and turns out the finest graduates.

We have the Tulloch Memorial after a great Alexandrian, then we have the Kelly, Howard and Ficklen schools named after other great Alexandrians. It's about time we named one of these buildings after a man who has made a tremendous contribution to the city, such as Mr. Williams.

Wednesday's meeting would be a good night to name the school, don't you think?

Sincerely,
Eddie Crane
Eddie Crane

2/1/62 - Suggested Names for new school:

Suggested Name	Submitted by	Total
Lindsey (continued)	Pat H. Butler, Jr.	54 votes
	George E. Poole	
	Dorothy F. Green	
	Eleanore Butz	
	Charles L. Sexton	
	Helen W. Sexton	
	R. L. Powell	
	Mrs. J. Bernier	

Comments for suggestions: "I feel that Mr. Lindsey has given his time and excellent talent to encourage and train our youth. The least that we can do is honor him by naming a school for him."

"This is an unusual opportunity to honor a distinguished teacher, a man who was born in Alexandria and was graduated from the old Alexandria High School and the Univ. of Virginia. Since 1932, Mr. Lindsey has been devoting all his life to the teaching of mathematics first at the old Alex. High School and then at G.W. Keeping always ahead of the demands of the times in his subject and inspiring and loving students, he brings a daily message of challenge, precision and humor. Furthermore, the conferring of the honor of naming a school for a living distinguished teacher will provide inspiration to every teacher in the city, the state and the nation - a truly worthy goal."

"Because of his dedication and contribution to teaching in Alexandria." Digested from a lengthy note: Mr. Lindsey is compared with Cora Kelly, and recommends that the new school be named for either Mr. Lindsey or Mr. Millikan, teachers of similar stature.

"Because Mr. Lindsey has devoted forty years of his life to the Alexandria school system."

T. G. Williams

Mrs. Roger O. Golt
 Mrs. J. H. Hoffman
 Mrs. John H. Pallo
 H. M. Serf (?)
 Alton S. Kidd
 Mrs. Eliz. Gemung
 Mrs. Nellie Ennis
 Ernest R. Dauray
 L. E. C. Woran
 Watkins C. Smith
 Mrs. J. W. Booker
 Mr. J. W. Booker
 Mrs. L. N. Baber
 Mrs. E. J. Browning
 Mrs. C. H. Ramey
 Q. G. Korman
 John F. Hoffer
 Mrs. W. Coombs and L. Whittaker

19 total

Comment: "A nice institution to a good memory of a wonderful job done in thanks by a deserving person."

Names of Other People Suggested:

John Quincy Adams High School

By:

Mrs. Saunders

Comment:

"J.Q.A. was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the sixth Pres. of U.S."

Dr. John T. Ashton
 John Alexander H. S.
 John L. Lewis High

D. L. Ashton
 M. Rudderforth
 Paul R. Bair

"Founder of Alexandria."
 "...is and has been a great builder of the economy. Some day Alexandria will consider him a historical figure."

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The John Alexander	Mrs. John J. Miller	
Harry F. Byrd High School	Pat Loftis	"Byrd has contributed much to the betterment of the State and deserves it."
Jefferson Davis H.S.	L. A. Waugh	Suggests naming it for famous men of history, or perhaps Alexandria H.S.
Hamilton High	Mrs. Mabel Ramsey	
Thomas Jefferson	Ruth W. Edwards	
John F. Kennedy		
or		
Jackie Kennedy	Mrs. M. Fitzgerald	
Lincoln High School	Evangeline G. Barrett	
" " "	Mrs. Gloria Pack	
Dollie Madison High	Byron J. Banks	
General George C. Marshall	Mrs. Daniel Darling	"...his name will be recorded in the histories of the world, as well as those of his country and his state."
John Marshall H.S.	Mrs. J. A. Drone	
Samuel Haslett Meeks	Name submitted by boy's mother to Mr. Pope.	
	Boy killed in military service of his country.	
	Mr. Lindsey's recommendation: "...I would take the position that the new high school could just as appropriately be named for Sam as for any other boy who died in the wars. He was loyal to this school and was a good influence in the school. The school was better for him being here. I think all who were here at the time would agree."	
Archer Millican	Bertha Leimbach	"The response to the Millican Memorial Dinner is proof of the tremendous popular feeling for this man."
Mary Monroe	Mrs. Vernon Dove	"first school nurse in Alexandria."
J. D. Murdaugh H. S.	Charles S. Carmalt	
Patrick High	Mrs. C. W. Allen	
George S. Patton	Mrs. John Spore	
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John J. Pershing High School	Mrs. H. Nichols	
Scott High ("Dinky")	Mrs. N. R. Moore	
Alan B. Shepard H.S.	H. H. Hagy	
Woodrow Wilson H. S.	Mr. Saunders	"W. W. was a great son of Virginia and a great president."
Total names of Other Persons suggested:		26

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Names Suggested using Area Names:	By:	Comments:
Alexandria High School	Mrs. Florence Barnett Mr. W. Gorham M. S. Anthony Mrs. W. S. Harwood Ardis C. Hedrick Mrs. N. K. Hicks Mr. N. K. Hicks Nelson L. Howard	"...Thousands of Alumni would again welcome their old school name back."
	Mrs. J. W. Beasley Katherine M. Sutton	"Checking the telephone book, everything carries the name Alexandria, but the most important institute, Our School."
	Alice Quigley	Suggests school colors: Purple and silver or Orange and black
Braddock High School " " or Highview High School	Unsigned S. E. Swaim	"It will be located in the Braddock Heights section of the city"
Braddock Heights H.S.	J. F. Metzger	"In many jurisdictions it is not desirable to name an edifice after a living person."
Monticello Midtown H. S. Mudtown High Quakertown H.S.	H. D. Ferguson Samuel Cuylesworth Gail Thomasson R. R. Selman Mrs. R. Selman	
Tamarin High	Allene Bettis	
Total Area Names suggested:		20 returned ballots, with 9 different suggestions
No Suggested Names	Three signed sheets	- one comment: "It seems highly irregular to use the name of a living person, especially one who is still in office. Isn't it customary to name schools after deceased personages?"

Of the 1800 forms sent out, 122 returned sheets indicated 35 different suggestions.