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## Naming Committee Meeting – Henry W. Grady High School

### Recommendations from Stakeholders

Ida B. Wells High School	Ida Bell Wells-Barnett was an American investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil rights movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
John Lewis	John Lewis is a genuine American hero and moral leader. He has dedicated his life to building The Beloved Community.
Grady High School	<p>Please do not remove the name Grady. Grady High School is synonymous with good things. Grady means a diverse student population, excellence in many athletics, high academic rankings, student activism, incredible theatre and art programs, and so much more. Removing the name Grady would mean the new school name would only ever be “the school that used to be Grady.”</p> <p>While Henry Grady’s 19th century views are unacceptable, when people hear “Grady High School,” they think of the vibrant intown high school next to the park, not the man. Atlanta’s history is full of tragedy and injustice, but there is also plenty of good Atlanta history to celebrate. When people hear Grady, like it or not, they hear Atlanta. Grady High School is a microcosm of Atlanta, and synonymous with what is good in our city.</p> <p>A school name change cannot rewrite history. But it WILL mean confusion and more challenges for students, faculty, and staff. My daughter is a Grady student, and her education has been affected by major building construction and/or a principal change at all three of her APS schools since Kindergarten. This name change would be an additional challenge for families like mine who have had to deal with constant change at APS. Grady administration and teachers – as well as students, parents, and caregivers- have enough on their plates including the renovation, dealing with COVID19, ensuring student safety, and learning.</p> <p>Please carefully weigh the effects of this decision. Please keep the name Grady.</p>
Midtown High School /Piedmont Park HS	It names the school based upon its location and takes away any political issues that may arise in the future by naming the school after someone
Midtown High School	This name reflects and honors the neighborhood in which the school has always been located. It doesn’t honor one specific person, but all the people who made and continue to make that community diverse and welcoming.
W. B. DeBois High School	DeBois held progressive ideas and had Atlanta connections.



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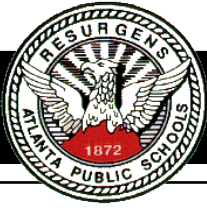
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John Lewis High School	<p>Mr. Lewis is the hallmark of civil rights. He has consistently been on the right side of history. He is Atlanta! We won't find out 50 years from now that he violated an entire population. I attach my thoughts on the fact that the name needs to be changed, I'm very open on what the new name is -</p> <p>I am the mama to three little black boys who will attend Mary Lin and Howard Middle. They are 11, 8 and 5. This summer has been an awakening for them. Instead of being enthralled with the magic of childhood we have had to have difficult conversations. The good news is they are surrounded with people who love them who don't look like them. Their friends are sweet children who are being raised by good people. I pray their generation is the one who kills racism. It would be a supportive environment for them to thrive if they didn't have to attend a school that honors a racist who spent his time and talents promoting the new south where white supremacy reigns supreme. My children are exceptional students and athletes, I'm certain they will be a treasure for their future high school. I don't want them to have to bear his name on his jersey, t-shirt, or speech debate team. We can't change Grady's history. He was who he was. We can't argue or write him to the right side of history. He doesn't deserve to be honored as he has been all these years. I read Cary King's thoughts AJC article published on July 2, 2020 regarding the fact that Grady wasn't "all good or all bad." I submit to you that he was bad enough. His thought process and influence pushed progress back years. He influenced people to keep black people inferior. These teachings don't go away in one generation. Contrary to Cary King's thoughts, college counselors and admission staff will make a very easy transition to recognize the Atlanta high school formally known as Grady. I was an admission's counselor for Kent State University in Ohio before I came to Atlanta to attend Emory Law School. We did our research and a name change never slowed us down. Cary King states in the that "times were different then." Yes, times were different and Grady chose the wrong side of time. He could've used his talents to advocate for equality and love amongst the human race, like Martin Luther King did, as he too lived in "different times." We are now in 2020, and THIS is a different time. It is time to stop paying homage to people who didn't pay homage to all people. They do not deserve to be honored. All the students, not just the black ones, do not deserve to be disrespected by walking the halls of their school by such a divisive name. Instead they deserved to be honored and inclusive. I have heard two students speak and I with them, vote for change. It has been a long time coming, but like Martin Luther King said, it is always the right time to do what's right. I hope the committee makes the right decision to change the name of Grady High School. Thank you.</p>
Atlanta Intelligence Mission	1: It is neutral; no political affiliations, no ties to (potentially) controversial people, places, or things.



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	<p>2: We are talking about a school. Intelligence should be a vital part of every school's mission.</p> <p>3: Atlanta Intelligence Mission's initials are AIM. AIM High School. AIM High. Aim High. A very appropriate motto, if you ask me.</p> <p>Will suggested names be released to the public? I am quite curious to see how this name is received.</p>
Piedmont High School	<p>The school is adjacent to one of the great parks in Atlanta, Piedmont Park. Atlanta is in the piedmont region of GA. Because the name is affiliated with the nearby park, it brings up images of green and growing things, open space, exploration and discovery.</p>
Atlanta Intelligence Mission	<p>1: It is neutral; no political affiliations, no ties to (potentially) controversial people, places, or things.</p> <p>2: We are talking about a school. Intelligence should be a vital part of every school's mission.</p> <p>3: Atlanta Intelligence Mission's initials are AIM. AIM High School. AIM High. Aim High. A very appropriate motto, if you ask me.</p> <p>Will suggested names be released to the public? I am quite curious to see how this name is received.</p> <p>***I am resubmitting to include my affiliation.</p>
Thomas Adger High School	<p>Dr. Adger was a beloved and highly respected principal of Grady High School - by both staff and students. He as an honorable man, a fair man and an outstanding principal. Renaming Grady High School after Dr. Adger would be an excellent commemoration of his leadership and legacy at Grady High School.</p>
Dr. Thomas E. Adger	<p>I stand in support of the initiative proposed to rename Grady High School after former principal Dr. Thomas Adger.</p>
Sherina Aqeel	<p>Too old to remember a new name</p>
Dr. Thomas E. Adger, Jr.	<p>I was an early president of the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools, and was continually impressed by Dr. Adger's gentle, assertive, and persistent ways. Dr. Adger always attended the monthly CINS meeting. Over and over he would say that Grady could only be as "good" as the schools that came before it, and it was our job to speak out for all the schools in the CINS Cluster. Every student was important.</p>



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	<p>He was an outstanding educator, community communicator, and set high standards for all of us—students, parents, and community members.</p>
<p>Dr. Thomas Adger, former principal</p>	<p>Dr. Adger was Grady's first African-American principal and was an assistant principal at Grady after Howard High School closed, and he came to Grady. He led the school from its transition, starting in the early 80s, from a period of decline following the white flight from Atlanta Public Schools of the late 1960s through the 1970s.</p> <p>I was a student at Grady from 1983 to 1987, and the period was the start of a renaissance under Dr. Adger's leadership. Grady was a very socio-economically diverse school during that time and very welcoming to all students. During his tenure, many of the school's signature programs started as part of the school's former communications magnet program, including a growth in prominence of the school newspaper, the debate and forensics program, art and theater, and involvement in extracurriculars, including athletics, of which he was a great supporter because he was a former basketball coach. This past year, a group of athletic alumni set out to start an athletic scholarship in his honor for an underprivileged athlete of good character and academic standing.</p> <p>Dr. Adger was also a stern disciplinarian, but he was also a caring and concerned leader whom any student at any time could access. Dr. Adger also took a special pride in being a role model for all students, but he was particularly there to help guide the school's African-American students down paths to success after high school. I recall a difficult personal time I had during my junior and senior years. Dr. Adger always had an open door, and he spent the time talking to me as much as and for as long as I needed his guidance. Even after graduating, I would regularly see him at school board meetings or in the community, and he was still playing the role of mentor as I shared aspects of the start of my professional career, which at the time was as a journalist. When he learned I was going to Columbia University for graduate school, he was one of my greatest supporters and encouraged me.</p> <p>Following his tenure at Grady, Dr. Adger held additional leadership positions in APS, including interim principal at North Atlanta High School and leadership roles in the district's human resources department. He was very loyal to the district, and his motto during my time as a student was all children can learn.</p>
<p>Piedmont Park High School</p>	<p>It geographically locates the school, elevated the region, and is in line with others like Springdale Park, South Atlanta, North Atlanta, and others based in place and not name. There are far more high schools than perfect people. Schools are political enough all by them selves devoid of a human attribution.</p>



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<p>Xernona Clayton High School</p>	<p>I graduated from Grady High School in 1998, and want to express my sincere hope that the school will be renamed in a way that reflects the values we want to instill in all of the young people that attend. That is especially important given the racial injustice that this country continues to grapple in this day and age. I am deeply grateful for the education I received from Grady High School, and must also say that systemic inequity was still present in that time due to a lack of opportunities and comprehensive support for my peers that needed it most.</p> <p>I have heard much about the changes that have happened since my class graduated, and as an equity practitioner with over 20 years of experience working in public schools I firmly believe our school can continue to evolve to become more and more equitable. But in order for that to happen it is necessary to release any attachments to the racist past that Henry Grady and others like him represent. We cannot move forward with integrity if we are not willing to part with that legacy, so I sincerely hope that you will honor renaming suggestions that help inspire students to build a brighter more just future for all. My suggestion is Xernona Clayton High School, because she is a wonderful role model for students who has contributed much to our beloved city of Atlanta.</p>
<p>Midtown Atlanta High School</p>	<p>I think this name accurately describes the location of the school. This avoids having an issue down the road if we re-name the school after another person and then that person's character later comes into question.</p>
<p>Xernona Clayton High School</p>	<p>I'm a Grady alumni from the class of 1996, and I'm writing to say that I strongly support the school's renaming.</p> <p>I completely understand other alumni's attachment to the Grady name, I too couldn't imagine it being called anything else. Unfortunately, as an African American, there is also the realization that Grady is synonymous with racism, intolerance, close mindedness, supremacy, persecution, slavery, and hate. And I don't think that's a good message to give the current and future students of this incredible school. The time is now to make a change that expresses who we are as a school, and as citizens of this great country.</p> <p>With all that said, my proposed name is Xernona Clayton; Atlanta-based civil rights leader who also made significant contributions to media and communications. Here's more info about her:  <a href="https://www.nps.gov/features/malu/feat0002/wof/Xernona_Clayton.htm">https://www.nps.gov/features/malu/feat0002/wof/Xernona_Clayton.htm</a></p>
<p>Reed High School</p>	<p>Named after Coach Reed</p>
<p>Thomas Adger High School.</p>	<p>Because Dr.Adger was like a father to a lot of the Athletes and Alumni</p>



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Thomas E Adger High School	Dr. Adger was very receptive to community input during the time my children attended Grady. He was an exceptional role model for the students.
Dr. Thomas E. Adger	He was an outstanding principal at Grady High School from 1981-1990. He took a struggling school and made it into a Georgia School of Excellence. He cared for all his students and staffs and expected the best of them. He gained the trust of the diverse school families, and the nearby neighborhoods, and businesses. He was the best, an outstanding role model and extraordinary leader.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is one of our country's most important Civil Rights leaders who has been standing up for his fellow Black Americans, and all underrepresented peoples his entire life. He has represented Georgia's 5th District since 1987, the District that contains our beloved alma mater. He is a man we can all be proud of, and is the perfect embodiment of the resilient, open-minded, and revolutionary spirit of our city and our school.
Henry W. Grady High School	<p>I am a 1953 graduate of Grady High School. I have been informed that the Board is considering changing the name of Grady. I would urge the ABOE to reject this idea.</p> <p>I am proud of my Grady education and its traditions of excellence in academics and sports. Henry Grady was born into a south that undergone the ravages of war. He had seen that war up close. His father killed by a Union soldier. Considering the times in which he lived it is understandable that he may have said some things which today are roundly denounced. But he didn't live in our lifetimes but a different age. Counties, hospitals, middle schools and colleges are named after him. And yes a high school in Atlanta also bears his name. A statute was erected in his honor and still stands today on Marietta St.</p> <p>I heard several speakers at the July 7th Webinar read isolated passages from Grady's writings that championed white supremacy. However if he could come back today in a time machine I believe he would express regrets about those statements and marvel at the progress the US has made in civil rights. I confess for Mr. Grady's ill advised views and trust that the ABOE will not be intimidated or bullied into changing my alma mater's name.</p> <p>In closing I would remind those entrusted with making this decision that John Newton the composer of "Amazing Grace" was a slave trader. He had a spiritual conversion and became an abolitionist. In 1788, 34 years after he had retired from the slave trade, Newton broke a long silence on the subject with the publication of a forceful pamphlet "Thoughts Upon the Slave Trade", in which he described the horrific conditions of the slave ships during the Middle Passage. He apologized for "a confession, which ... comes too late ... It will always be a subject of humiliating</p>



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	<p>reflection to me, that I was once an active instrument in a business at which my heart now shudders."</p> <p>I would also point out that Saul of Tarus became the apostle Paul. He is known worldwide as one of the greatest Christian missionaries. His inspired writings cover a large portion of the New Testament, and it is safe to say that he remains one of the most read authors in human history. His abrupt turnaround from zealous persecutor of Christians to one of Christianity's greatest proponents surely shaped the history of the early Christian church.</p> <p>Henry Grady's prestige was earned through good works and it would be an insult to that high regard by removing his name from a school which thousands hold dear.</p>
Central Atlanta High School	Because it is a historic school of Atlanta and it exemplifies its location in the center of the city.
I defer to current students	I defer to current students
Dr. Thomas E. Adger High School	Dr. Adger spent his life serving students in Atlanta Public Schools and especially those at Grady High School. As an Educator, he spent many long hours working to assure that the educational needs of both students and staff were met. I have observed firsthand his dedication, commitment and courage with meeting challenges head on in controversial situations. He never backed down from a good fight especially if it was in the best interest of students and staff. It would be an honor to have this new school named after such a great man as Dr. Thomas Adger.
Ella Baker or Ida B. Wells	Ella Baker is a personal hero of mine because she was an educator and an organizer. I have a quote of hers on my laptop, "We who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes." Some call her the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," but most don't know her name because she never sought recognition. Her life's work, which took place in New York and Atlanta primarily, focused on empowering young people. She was instrumental in the founding of SNCC. Nearly every young leader in the Civil Rights movement, including John Lewis, speak reverently about her passion and unwavering belief in the capacity of young people to stand up for themselves. Her commitment to avoiding the spotlight ensured that the communities she organized weren't built around her personality, but instead did the slow and painstaking work of leading themselves. Ella Baker's model of community building, seeing strengths in every person she encountered and helping them see it in themselves, is what we at our school should aspire to do for our diverse community of students.



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	<p>Ida B. Wells would continue an affiliation between our namesake and journalism. Not only were she and Henry W. Grady contemporaries, but she directly confronted him in her writings in an era that is often overlooked when studying history. Ida B. Wells is a model of courage who became internationally renowned despite the headwinds of racial and gender discrimination. Her work to expose the culture of lynching in the South is one of America's most important stories. She would be a namesake we could proudly endorse and leverage to strengthen our school community.</p>
Thomas E. Adger	<p>he was an amazing principal and did a lot for the school.</p>
Henry W. Grady	<p>The name has been, and should always be Grady High School.</p>
Shirley Franklin High School	<p>First female Atlanta Mayor</p>
Mary Francis Early High School	<p>She was the first African American to graduate from UGA. She became a beloved teacher in APS for her teaching career.</p>
Jackson Johnson and Vaughan (JJV) High School	<p>In NASA's early days, African-American women computers played a vital role in advancing its missions. In 1962, they helped send the first American astronaut into orbit, John Glenn. Among them were Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Dorothy Vaughan.</p>
Dr. Thomas Adger, Sr.	<p>Dr. Adger served as principal at Grady H S for a 10 year period during which time he totally 'turned around' a school which suffered from a very poor reputation in the neighborhood to an award winning school of excellence. He fostered a positive and supportive climate of excellence and pride among students, teachers, parents and the community at large.</p>
Dr. Thomas E. Adger	<p>Dr. Thomas E. Adger served as principal of Grady High School 1981-1991. He arrived at Grady at time when the confidence in the quality of Grady's education was uncertain. It was with his dedication and leadership that he was able to instill in the students a sense of excellence and create new directions for the school. He was known for treating students as if they were his own children. His support of faculty members, the creation of new innovated multi-disciplinary programs of study, and the revival of active engaged involvement of students gave new direction to Grady High. His leadership was exactly what was needed at that time to steer Grady High in becoming a high school of excellence.</p> <p>Dr. Adger went on to become an assistant superintendent for Atlanta Public Schools. He devoted 40 years to enriching education for many young people. Dr. Adger deserves to be honored by the APS System with the renaming of Grady High School to Thomas E. Adger High School.</p>





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John Lewis High School	Duh
Midtown High School	Represents culture and diversity
Grady High School (drop Henry W.)	Maintains the school's name recognition
Piedmont High School	With the world being so racially charged, I think it best to find common ground and Piedmont Park was always a place students loved so why not keep it simple?
Thomas Adger	I am fortunate to have taught mathematics at Grady High School during the years Dr. Thomas Adger was its principal. With Dr. Adger at the helm, no matter the issue Dr Adger could handle it. When he walked down the school's hallways, students stopped horsing around or dawdling on their way to class. His control was based not on fear, but on the students' deep respect for a man who brooked no excuses, but who, at the same time, recognized the difficulties many of his students faced; a man who never needed to raise his voice in anger; a man who possessed a grounded strength and wisdom that cannot be learned in books; a man who was fair; who was compassionate; and who cared deeply about his school's students, faculty, and staff.
Midtown High or 10th Street High	The school's location is special and worthy of shaping the new name.
Atlanta High School	Speaks for itself.
Dr. Thomas E Adger.	Dr. Adger was a role model and inspiration for everyone and was a wonderful leader at Grady High.
Midtown High School	Because basing a name on geography eliminates current and future problems
Midtown High School	High school was one of the fondest times of my life. I attended during a time of great turmoil nationally, but we had a true melting pot at Grady when I was there, and I am proud of the experience and knowledge I gained. My father and father-in-law attended the same campus as Boys High and Tech High, respectively. While I am sure there are many worthy individuals for consideration, no one can dispute that the campus is located in Midtown, and area that has seen many changes but continues to be an area that is sought after for living, working and playing. I would think that alumni and current students alike could get behind supporting a name for whom all could identify. Thank you very much for your consideration. I know yours is not an easy task, and I appreciate your work!
Midtown High School	Rather than celebrating one figure, Midtown High would recognize the area the school itself is located in, as well as all of the students and people who live there.



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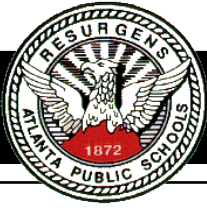
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john lewis high school	to honor the recently deceased hero who dedicated his life to civil rights issues
John Lewis High School	Today the great civil rights leader and Congressman that fight so hard for much of the Grady constituency passed away. It seems appropriate and sincere to honor him with this name change.
John Lewis HS	He was an Atlanta hero
John Lewis High School	John Lewis lived his life in Atlanta fighting for equal rights, justice and governance for all. He is an example to aspire to and would be inspirational for the students attending a school with his namesake.
Yolanda King Highschool	Notable alumni, MLK's daughter.
John Lewis	He was a well-respected congress person. He was able to work with everyone across the board.
John Lewis High School	While I recognize he obviously has t been deceased for five years, I would have suggested this name even if he were alive. John Lewis is a wonderful witness to power and justice and capacity of people in the world. His leadership in the Civil Rights movement, even as a young adult, makes him an important and very appropriate role model for our high school students. Please consider this name.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a monumental leader in the Atlanta and would be a perfect way to honor his passing.
John Lewis High	He is an Atlantan hero who should be honored
John Lewis High School	In memory of Atlanta and Georgia's hero and civil rights leader who fought for live and justice his entire life
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a tenacious civil rights leader who served in the 5th Congressional District.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is an Atlanta hero. Renaming this school to honor him would be appropriate and beautiful.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was an integral part of Atlanta. Grady is firmly in the heart of his district and what better way to honor a great man?
Midtown high	There's no controversy whatsoever and it's where the school is located like how North Atlanta is named.
John Lewis	John Lewis is an essential figure in Atlanta.
a name in honorarium of John Lewis	John was a student organizer and is a role model for all students, and took the skills he developed there to Atlanta City Council and Congress, responsible for legislation that improves the lives of children, including the Affordable Care Act, the Violence Against Women Act, and countless others that benefited the lives of all children.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis represented equality, leadership and bravery, qualities we seek to foster in our youth.



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John Lewis	John Lewis is an American treasure and an Atlanta institution. The current Grady is in the middle of his (former) district. Given today's politics and his recent passing, this would be a wonderful tribute.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis, in both quiet and overt ways, demonstrated embodied love for the people of Atlanta and the United States as a whole. His lived values of service, compassion, courage, and interdependence are a model for all current and future community leaders, and it would be an honor to be a graduate of a school named in his memory.
Midtown High School	Grady is located in Midtown. While you could pick another person, you always run into the issue of uncovering the flaws of said person. Nobody is perfect. By picking a geographic location you give context to proximity and select a long standing name.
John Robert Lewis	John Robert Lewis was an American politician and civil rights leader who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020. Lewis served as the Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) from 1963 to 1966. He's done so much for Atlanta and is a symbol of student activism and social change.
John Lewis High School	Everyone should be proud to go to a school name after John Lewis. It is a strong representation of the students and the community.
John Lewis High School	A hero that was a part of our community? Waive the 5 year waiting period. This is a slam dunk.
John Lewis "Freedom" High School	John Lewis, a civil rights icon, is not only the 5th district's congressional representative, but he embodies the civil, moral and social advocacy ethos We want to model for the youth in our community and represents the future of APS.
John Lewis High School	He believed in justice and equality. He lived his life in pursuit of a better Atlanta for all.
John Lewis High School	Amazing civil rights activist who was also a representative of this district
John Lewis HS	I cant think of a better way to showcase the love and diversity of intown neighborhoods he represented.
John Lewis HS	Honoring a great man
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is a civil rights hero who better represents the values of our community and what we hope our students will emulate.
John Lewis High School	He was one of the greatest civil rights activists of our time, and deserves to be remembered
Harriet Tubman High School	because she's a boss
John Lewis high school	John Lewis fought for civil rights. He a modern day hero. He helped not only Atlanta but America. Henry W. Grady was a known white supremacist



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John Lewis high school	Civil rights hero
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was an inspirational leader/politician and civil rights activist, who represented the 5th district
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a timeless role model, leader and fighter for justice
John Lewis high school	First of all it's John Lewis. Second we should replace the racist name and rename a wonderful school after someone who fought for said school to be integrated. it's important that we show the oppressed communities of Grady that they are important and shouldn't have to go to a school named after someone who believed in racist ideas.
John Lewis High School	A true American hero, and a great Atlanta.
Ida B Wells HS	Because it maintains the nod to media and journalism befitting of our magnate school, while removing Grady's name
John R. Lewis High School	To recognize Congressman Lewis's decades of service in the Civil Rights movement and in Washington
Midtown High School	Because it's in midtown the city too busy to hate
John Lewis High	The naming will be a permanent reminder of the legacy of Congressman Lewis and will serve as an inspiration for all students (and stakeholders) to demonstrate, through action, the values of social justice and equality espoused by such an iconic leader in world history.
John Lewis	John Lewis was a hero and an Atlanta icon. He represented the district that the high school is in. He is an inspiration and his name will inspire generations to come.
Piedmont Highschool	It's descriptive of the location and non-controversial
John Lewis Highschool	Honor the late/great civil rights activist and congressman. Its the best option given that the school also is part of the district he represented for +30 years
John Robert Lewis	John Lewis exemplifies the best qualities of humanity, equality, perseverance in the face of opposition and compassion for all Americans regardless of origin, race or circumstances. John Lewis represented the Georgia 5th Congressional District since 1987 and fought throughout his life for a better world for all and served as a link from the original warriors for equality to the youth that continues to fight for those values today. No school could be more emblematic of John Lewis' history and character than our High School. John Robert Lewis High School.
(Anything but Grady)	I don't feel strongly, but the name should be changed prior to the start of the next school year, even if it means calling it Atlanta High School until there is a more



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	specific and permanent name that better aligns with the school's and community's values.
John Robert Lewis	To honor this dedicated civil rights icon and beloved 5th District Representative
Midtown Highschool	Yes
John Lewis High School	John Lewis's contribution to our nation needs no explanation. He embodied the values and mission of Grady High School.
John R. Lewis	60 years of community service
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a very important civil right leader, politician, and activist. He served in the House of Representatives for Georgia and he is a role model for young activists today. He represents our student body as well as our ideas and his name should live on as Grady's new name.
John M. Lewis	John Lewis was an American hero. I feel honored that I was able to vote for him, as a constituent in the Grady district. He embodied characteristics that I think any Grady grad should have...honor, integrity and confidence to fight for social injustice.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis represents the best of Atlanta. The name will inspire the students to follow in his footsteps and fight for civil rights. Especially for a school that is so politically aware and active.
John Lewis	He represents our city
John Lewis High school	John Lewis represented my community
John Lewis	Google Him
John Robert Lewis	He represents unity
Midtown High School	This name promotes continuity between education and the thriving Midtown business and residential communities.
john lewis high school	John Lewis was an Atlanta hero. He led freedom marches and governed our city for years. He just recently passed away and he deserves to be honored and what better way than to rename a school with a problematic namesake into a great and honorable man's legacy?
John Lewis High School	A person who was an advocate for APS
John R Lewis High School	As everyone knows, John Lewis was a civil rights icon and the conscience of Congress for decades. This would be a lasting tribute to his memory in his own 5th district.
Grady (drop the Henry W.)	The name "Grady" now has its own history beyond honoring a specific individual. If APS chooses to remove all parts of the current name, Henry W. Grady, then it should rename all APS high schools with names that are not related to individuals.



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	Thank you for your consideration and work on this sensitive matter.
Midtown Atlanta High School	We have a North Atlanta High and a South Atlanta High - Midtown Atlanta High seems to make good sense. Unlike a personal name, it's non-controversial and should stand the test of time. It's also linked to the school's physical location so it seems inherently logical.
John Roberts High School	To honor our recently-deceased congressman.
Piedmont Panthers	It reflects the geographic region of GA/SE and the namesake park. Panthers are confident and strong animals = + Attributes for students!
John Robert Lewis	Beloved Congressman and Civil Rights Advocate
John Lewis High School	I think this name is so amazingly noteworthy because it's not even slightly necessary to provide a reason why it's noteworthy.
John R. Lewis High School	Although John R. Lewis is deceased less than 5 years, we must consider renaming Henry W. Grady High School in honor of Congressman Lewis' 33 years of service to our country as the leader of Georgia's 5th Congressional District in which our high school stands and, most noteworthy, his participation in the Civil Rights Movement and his belief in using non-violent means when advocating for change. He was a fixture in our Atlanta Midtown and Downtown community where he was always approachable and open to comments from the local community. Current and future students will be proud to graduate from a school bearing the name of someone upon whom history will look favorably.
John Lewis High	I cannot think of a more appropriate name and honor for our High School and it would be a shame if it were not named after Representative John Lewis. John represented our City and our District for over 30 years and meant so much not only to the black community, but to our entire City.
Jesus Christ	It is the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
John Lewis High School	I believe Congressman Lewis set a wonderful example of how to be a leader from a very young age. He is someone high school students would do well to learn from and emulate. What a great way to honor a local Civil Rights legend and beloved Congressman.
John Robert Lewis High School	John Lewis touched the lives of many Grady alum. With his passing, honoring him and our community by naming this wonderful school for the legacy of John's work for equality for all would be most fitting. I think the Grady experience upholds Mr. Lewis' ideals and my 3 children, who graduated from Grady, all benefited immensely from the educational experience they received there which encompassed acceptance, inclusion, and respect. How fitting for Grady to continue his legacy at this time in history.



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Midtown High School	The school is an integral part of Midtown, and vice versa
John R. Lewis OR Yolonda D. King High School	Congressman Lewis' impact on our city needs no explanation. Ms. King was an involved student while at Grady, and she was a hugely influential activist in her adult life.
John R Lewis High School	I don't believe there is an individual that has made a bigger impact on our community, constantly fought for justice and equality, and was truly a part of our community. He represented us longer than many Grady students and Alumni have been alive. Recognizing him in this way, in his district, is essential, and waiting five years is ridiculous, especially as another school in Virginia has already changed their name to honor him. If we don't, we will be far behind. There is literally no good reason to not rename the school after a true hero.
John R. Lewis High School	Congressman Lewis represented the GHS community for his entire congressional service. Given, GHS's connection to the civil-rights movement and its students' and alumni's continued involvement in activism, it seems very fitting.
Mario Herrera High School	Mario was a shining star among Grady HS staff. He really went the extra mile to engage with students and get to know them. He is one of the only teachers I kept up with years after I've graduated. He has led the debate team to State and National tournaments and champions many times over. When I think of Grady, I think of Mr. Herrera.
John R. Lewis High School	Not only was Congressman Lewis OUR Congressman, he lived in our community. Our students knew him, respected him, and would actually meet him "on the street". He always encouraged young people to do their best and to strive for change using non-violence (or his good trouble). Many of our students have been inspired by Mr. Lewis and hold the memories of their meetings with him proudly. He also prevented our "Grady" neighborhoods from being destroyed when he help the neighborhood prevent the building of I485. Though the middle of it. Honoring him in this way, by naming one of the best, if not the best public high school in his district after him seems most appropriate. The timing also seems appropriate as well. The 5 year rule needs to be accepted.
John Robert Lewis High School	Civil rights icon
John R. Lewis High School	I already wanted Rep. John Lewis to have a school in his district named after him, but when he passed away recently I think the need to create this as part of his legacy only intensified. APS would be sending a strong message both to the state and to the country if they name a public high school after such an iconic civil rights activist and true statesman.



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John Robert Lewis	To honor a great leader from the community because he represented the district the school sits in!
Piedmont High School	Pays homage to Piedmont Park, which is an important piece of the Grady community. It will be inclusive and withstand the test of time.
John Lewis High School	An American hero, and Atlanta hero, a bridge builder, a model of strength and kindness.
John Lewis High School	He is the recently late congressman of the district that Grady is in. He was an integral part of the Civil Rights Movement. He was a highly respected and influential force in the city of Atlanta, which he served for many decades.
John R. Lewis High School	There are too many reasons to count. He is an Atlanta icon, recently deceased, our district representative, civil rights hero (perfect 180 switch from Henry Grady), and this seems like the perfect time to honor him with a name change.
John R Lewis High School	John Lewis dedicated his life to equality and I believe naming the school after him would represent what this high school stands for - especially with having so many walks of life attend the high school together.
John R. Lewis High School	Congressman Lewis fought tirelessly his entire life for equality for all Americans. As a school within Mr. Lewis's district (and that certainly benefitted from his leadership), I believe renaming Grady HS in his honor would be a fitting tribute. I'd also like to emphasize the need to remove the Grady name from this school, regardless of the new name that is selected. Thank you.
John Lewis High	Grady sits in the 5th congressional district and it would be amazing to rename my old high school in honor of an amazing civil rights hero.
Please do not change the name	I believe that Henry W. Grady was an important part of history. Changing the name does not erase historical events/the past. As an alumni who treasures her experience at Grady, I would be sad to see the name changed.
John Lewis High School	Grady is a school in and of Atlanta. Who better speaks to the spirit of Atlanta than our late Representative, John Lewis? John Lewis dedicated his life to fighting for freedom, justice, and equality. He was a humble hero who was beloved by his community. It would be an amazing way to honor his legacy and put a name to the values Grady HS stands for and aims to represent. I think to limit the pool to the names of individuals who have been deceased 5+ years only serves to exclude many people worth considering and threatens to continue the practice of naming institutions after irrelevant white men. This name change is long overdue and I am very excited to see this happening. Thank you!
Yolanda King High	She is an alum, an activist, and advocate for racial justice and gay rights.
John R Lewis High School	A unanimous vote to remove the restrictions and allow John Lewis's name to be memorialized on our high school would be historic, momentous, and profound. Let us embody the spirit of "good trouble" by throwing out the rulebook. Let us take a stand





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	for the lasting institutional change that John Lewis championed throughout his lifetime.
John R. Lewis High School	Setting aside the obvious reasons which support a dedication in Congressman John Lewis's name (which I am sure many other alumni, staff, parents, and students have already provided to the committee in great length) and acknowledging the board's strict policies on naming conventions, I believe the timing of his recent passing and the powerful symbolism of replacing the name of an outspoken white supremacist with the name of one of the most important figures in the American civil rights movement are compelling enough reasons alone to waive the naming restrictions in this case. Allow me and the rest of this community the chance to finally feel pride for our school's namesake.
Ida B. Wells	A journalist like Henry W. Grady but the most important black woman journalist arguably in history. Brave, groundbreaking, spoke truth to power.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis. Enough said
W.E.B. Du Bois High, Ida B. Wells High,	Both were writers/ activists who had positive effects on this country
Marian Patricia Kelly High School	<p>THE CASE FOR MARIAN PATRICIA KELLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*among those who integrated APS faculty in early 1970s (not just school level faculty—but DISTRICT-WIDE)</li> <li>*one of the longest serving faculty in school history (Her entire career except for two years. She started teaching in 1968, and came to Grady in 1970)</li> <li>*recently passed away (February 2019), so honor would be occurring at an opportune time.</li> <li>*service to school is unparalleled</li> <li>*revered by GENERATIONS of school faculty, students, staff, alumni</li> <li>*not many APS schools named for women or educators who dedicated their lives to individual schools (as Ms. Kelly certainly did).</li> </ul>
Marian Patricia Kelly High School	Ms. Kelly was one of the longest service female faculty of color in the history of the school, serving for more than thirty years. She devoted her life to decades of students and was instrumental in it becoming a school of excellence many times over.



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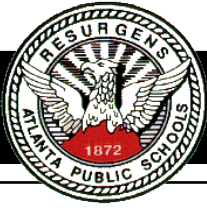
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Piedmont Park High	I think the world is realizing that naming buildings or streets after people is a risky way to immortalize them. I think a name that is location-based avoids any future conflicts and could possible remind students and alumni of the amazing location Grady resides.
John R Lewis	I mean nuff said ? it's John Lewis and we are his district
Marian P. Kelly High School	<p>THE CASE FOR MS. KELLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*among those who integrated APS faculty in early 1970s (not just school level faculty—but DISTRICT-WIDE)</li> <li>*one of the longest serving faculty in school history (Her entire career except for two years. She started teaching in 1968, and came to Grady in 1970)</li> <li>*recently passed away (February 2019), so honor would be occurring at an opportune time.</li> <li>*service to school is unparalleled</li> <li>*revered by generations of faculty, staff, students, and alumni.</li> <li>*not many APS schools named for women or educators who dedicated their lives to individual schools (as Ms. Kelly did)</li> </ul> <p>See one of the Southerner articles written about Ms. Kelly attached...  <a href="https://thesoutherneronline.com/71173/news/marian-patricia-pat-kelly-remembered-by-grady-community/">https://thesoutherneronline.com/71173/news/marian-patricia-pat-kelly-remembered-by-grady-community/</a></p>
Monica Pearson	Monica Pearson is a living legend in the Atlanta journalism community. She is the first woman and first minority to anchor the daily evening news in Atlanta. She was an anchor at WSB-TV for 37 years, which shows her dedication to the craft. For a school with a long history of excellence in journalism, I feel that you couldn't pick a better inspirational figure than Monica Pearson.
Marian P Kelly High School	Marian P Kelly dedicated her life to education and spent the majority of that time at Grady High School, coming to the school as one of the first Black teachers in a newly integrated high school. Not only is Marian P Kelly an extremely worthy candidate, but as Atlanta Public Schools serves a predominantly Black community it is your duty to ensure that the renaming serves to honor the people that Grady is intended to support.
W.A. Scott High School	William Alexander Scott was the founder and first editor of the Atlanta Daily World, a prominent Black newspaper. This maintains the journalism connection for which Grady is known. <a href="https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/w-scott-c-scott-and-atlanta-daily-world-1928/">https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/w-scott-c-scott-and-atlanta-daily-world-1928/</a>
Yolanda King High	She was an activist, first-born child of Dr. MLK, and I think it would be appropriate for her name and legacy to be remembered through renaming this wonderful institution.
Henry Grady High	The founder of the "new south" movement and driving force behind Atlanta being the hub of the south. A crucial piece of the bringing together of northern and southern relations. Editor of one of the greatest newspapers in the country (AJC) and son of



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	immigrants himself who knew what it was to have nothing. The title, the man, the name, desvers respect.
I don't feel strongly about the new name but feel very strongly that the school should be renamed so it no longer honors a white supremacist.	No young person should have to attend a school named for someone who thought they and all members of their race should remain in a subordinate position in society. No young person should have to attend a school named for someone who thought they should and all members of their race should be in a superior position in society, oppressing their classmates. It's 2020 and it's time for a change.
John R. Lewis	John Lewis was a civil rights icon and member of the US House of Representatives serving the district where Grady is located
Piedmont High	Piedmont High reflects the neighborhood unity and also prevents bias towards individuals.
Roger H. Derthick High School	Roger H. Derthick was the much beloved principal of Grady High School for 16 years from 1956 to 1972. He taught in the Atlanta school system for 30 years. A World War II veteran, he taught illiterate soldiers to read at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg. I attended Grady from 1960 to 1965. As principal he was a ball of energy as he led the 1500 student body and large faculty to seek and achieve excellence. He stressed scholarship; from 1962 until 1965 Grady averaged 72 students per year inducted into the Senior National Honor Society. In 1963 Grady had 11 Merit Finalists, the largest number in the city school system. He also was the number one supporter of athletics and the most spirited cheerleader at all pep rallies and games. A very visible and hands on principal, his sincere personality and warmth combined with a personal interest in each student made him the heart and soul of Grady. Always a compassionate, but strong leader he commanded respect because of his actions. In 1961 during a time of national racial turmoil his leadership promoted a smooth and peaceful desegregation of Grady without problems. In 1963 with his strong support Grady had the first integrated basketball team in Atlanta and probably the state of Georgia. The Grady basketball "B" team had 2 African -American players, and while playing home games was exciting and uneventful, playing games at other schools could be tense and challenging. . So challenging that we had 2 plain clothed police officers sitting behind our bench at all games. Playing on an integrated team under Roger Derthick's guidance, we transformed and matured into better people and responsible citizens. Roger Derthick was a role model and hero to many students. He was a true friend of



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	every member of the Grady family. Because of his 16 year intimate association and powerful legacy with Grady, the best choice for renaming Grady is Roger H. Derthick High School.
Angela Y. Davis High School	American political activist, philosopher, academic, and author on feminism
C. T. Vivian	Civil Rights pioneer and Atlanta resident
Keep the Name!!! Or just change to Grady	Colleges recognize This name already
John Lewis High School	Grady was within his district.
Jimmy Earl Carter High School	Carter was motivated to oppose the political climate of racial segregation and support the growing civil rights movement.
John Lewis High School	lol. This here's a slam dunk.
C.T . Vivian	He was at the forefront of the civil rights movement and left a huge impact on the city of Atlanta and is also a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom
John R. Lewis High School	Replacing a the name of a white supremacist/racist (however, "mild" his racism may have been, racism and white supremacy have the same end goal, as Gray himself stated, hardly "mildly": "the supremacy of the white race of the South must be maintained forever, and the domination of the negro race resisted at all points and at all hazards – because the white race is the superior race.") with one of the greatest and most principled civil rights activists to ever live, and who steadfastly and peacefully put his body on the line being willing to die to obtain the right to vote for disenfranchised African Americans, and who subsequently went on to admirably represent the district in which the high school sits for nearly 35 years, seems like a fitting honor to a great, great American hero.
Atlanta High School (or Midtown HS)	Let me start off with stating I do NOT support a name change. But, if it's to be changed, then why not name the school after the city? There is a North Atlanta HS and a South Atlanta HS, but no Atlanta HS. I think this would be an obvious choice. This way, the name is neutral, inclusive, and represents the City of Atlanta. "IF" there is a name change from Grady, I do NOT support the school being named after ANYONE.
John Lewis High School	would be a fitting tribute for a pillar of the Atlanta Community



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Grady Highschool (without the rest of his name ). Or John Lewis Highschool or Floyd Highschool	Grady Highschool because everyone knows it as that ! John Lewis cause we just lost a great and he deserves that recognition and Floyd Highschool because that could be huge for BLM
Jimmy Carter High School	Mr. Carter played a significant role in advocating for civil rights for all ethnicities.
John Lewis High School	He is the legendary Atlanta Hero who represented the district where this school sits...it would be a fitting tribute and create a deep sense of pride for students to attend a school named in his honor that embodies his spirit.
Midtown High School	It incorporates the community name of the high school
John Lewis High School	John Lewis stands for all the qualities students should aspire to: justice, kindness and perseverance. Building names should change to reflect the times. There is no reason to keep names the same forever just because some people don't like change.
John M. Lewis High School	Honoring Legacy
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a great American and representative of the area where Grady is located
John R. Lewis High School	Grady students ought to have recognized leaders who fought for the rights and freedoms of their community
John R. Lewis High School	Civil rights hero who represented in Congress the district Grady is in for 33 years. Also served as an Atlanta City Councilman.
Grady High School	It removes the full name as found in current name, so it retains the valued history and reputation of the school without a direct connection to the person which some find offensive.
John Robert Lewis High School	In President Obama's eulogy today he said that " Lewis will be a founding father of a fuller, better and fairer America" and that" he brought this country a little bit closer to our highest ideals." Let's have students aspire to those ideals and to be inspired by such a great man.
Jimmy Carter High School	Former President of the US;
Thomas E. Adger	If the Board determines that Henry W. Grady High School should be renamed, I would like to suggest that we rename the school for Thomas Edward Adger, first African American Principal. Dr. Adger was in the vanguard of African American



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teachers to serve at the school, he served for a number of years as Assistant Principal, and eventually as principal. He shepherded the school from a school with poor test scores and a mediocre reputation for stability and order to the leading school in the system. At the time he came to Grady it ranked 5th in the system based on test scores, and due to its proximity to Piedmont Park, it 'enjoyed' a reputation for chaos and lax supervision. Almost immediately, Dr. Adger set about using the mechanisms within the school system to turn the school around. He implemented a tough but loving approach to school discipline. Always referring to the school community as the Grady Family, he served as a compassionate but firm father figure to students, faculty and staff alike. Having suffered the loss of his own teen son, he viewed all of the students as his children, and spent much of his time counseling, gently reprimanding, and encouraging them, and he never failed to celebrate their successes. Many times he drew on his own funds to help a student in need of lunch money, a new suit for a big event, or money for a trip, camp or educational opportunity that they couldn't otherwise enjoy. He had a clear vision for the academic rigor he wanted to instill, and he set about hiring faculty he believed would offer that rigor, and supporting programs and initiatives that would challenge students. He didn't feel that he had to be the 'idea guy' but was instead the 'cheerleader' for teachers, parents, community members, and even students with ideas that could make a difference. What makes his record even more impressive is the timing of that transformation. He was principal during the difficult years when young people from the very neighborhoods that attended the school were disappearing only to be found dead. That horrible era in Atlanta history terrified parents and students alike, and made it difficult for families to willingly trust the school with student safety at after school activities. Dr. Adger was able to draw together the very diverse neighborhoods that fed Grady, and build trust with families. He counseled an increasingly diverse faculty and student body to trust each other, and he helped offer and implement practices that would insure student safety. Because of his efforts, student participation in sports and after school activities like the new speech and debate team, and a revived drama program flourished. Dr. Adger nurtured students and staff alike; his gentle words of advice, his constant encouragement and celebration of improvement helped create a culture of cooperation that made big changes possible. Later in his tenure when the ravages of HIV/AIDS and then the spread of 'crack' cocaine challenged the city, the network of support he fostered helped the most disadvantaged and difficult members of the community to avoid the worst impacts of those scourges. I believe that Dr. Adger is our very own agent of transformation, and deserves to be honored through to naming of the new wing or if the entire school is to be renamed, it should carry his name.



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John Lewis Memorial High School	John Lewis was a true American hero and moral leader who commanded and received widespread respect in the chamber. Often referred to as one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced.
Midtown High School	It is the name of a few of the Marvel high school heroes' high school , so it would be a nod to the movies that have been filmed at this location, and also, it balances out North Atlanta High School and South Atlanta High School. :-) <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_High_School">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Midtown_High_School</a>
John R. Lewis High School	To honor a Civil Rights leader from Atlanta
Henry W. Grady High School	An Atlantan who worked hard for betterment of the city after the Cival War
John Lewis High School	Inspirational and aspirant
John R. Lewis High School	icon of our district
Piedmont	I propose that if Grady is renamed (and it should be!) that it should be named based on its location or a character value and not named after a person. My suggestion is to rename Grady to Piedmont High School.
MARIAN PATRICIA KELLY HIGH SCHOOL	<p>THE CASE FOR MS. KELLY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*among those who integrated APS faculty in early 1970s (not just school level faculty—but DISTRICT-WIDE)</li> <li>*one of the longest serving faculty in school history (Her entire career except for two years. She started teaching in 1968, and came to Grady in 1970)</li> <li>*recently passed away (February 2019), so honor would be occurring at an opportune time.</li> <li>*service to school is unparalleled</li> <li>*revered by generations of faculty, staff, students, and alumni.</li> <li>*not many APS schools named for women or educators who dedicated their lives to individual schools (as Ms. Kelly did)</li> </ul> <p>See one of the Southerner articles written about Ms. Kelly attached.</p>



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Midtown High School	Naming the school after another person will cause for problems in the future again, naming it after the area in which it locates is the smartest idea here. ex: North Atlanta High School
Good Trouble High School	I think it will ask people to learn more about what John Lewis taught us. And allow us to educate people about his legacy. I think I learned to cause "good trouble" at this high school, and I would LOVE this name. I think it truly captures the "Grady" student spirit.
John Lewis High School	We are the 5th district. We should have a high school named after our honorable leader, John Lewis. I know there is a middle school that already bears his name, but I hope that doesn't prevent us from naming our high school after him.
John R. Lewis High School	I thought it was the right thing to do even before he passed.
Atlanta High School at Piedmont Park	It's what it is and where it is
Alonzo Herndon	As an early Atlanta businessman he became the first black millionaire. He could be both a historical figure and an aspirational role model for students. Being from Arkansas, not that far from Tulsa, I had never heard of Tulsa's Black Wall Street until a few years ago. History never taught is a loss for all of us. Your decision is a difficult one. Good luck.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was an amazing leader and fought for what's right, high school kids are our future leaders, so it seems like a great way to honor him and give students the role model they need to go out and change the world and make it a better place.
Yolanda King High School	Yolanda King was an alumna of Grady and a notable figure due to her activism and her family's activism.
Piedmont High School	School is next to Piedmont Park.  "Piedmont" is a prominent name in the City of Atlanta and the Atlanta Region.  Atlanta is located nearly 1,100ft above sea level on the Piedmont Plateau.  I'm actually surprised that the Piedmont name is not used more in Atlanta/Metro Atlanta. And I'm surprised that there is not already a Piedmont High in Metro Atlanta.
Midtown High	Quit naming things after people. Pick anything other than a person's name. We will just need to rename again in 30 years when the next wave of cancel culture sweeps over the nation.
Roger H. Derthick High	Best Principal





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School, if changed	
John Lewis High School	For his compassion & 33/34 years of work for Atlanta, for all.
Roger Derthick	Because he was noteworthy, loved the students , loved the school and led it with dignity and grace.
John Robert Lewis	Join Lewis was a one of the charter members of the Civil Rights Movement. He put his life on the line for voting rights & equal opportunity. & throughout his life of public service he fought for justice for all.
John Robert Lewis High School	It would a mindful and appropriate honor to rename this school after this noble and long serving congressman from the 5th district; surely if a Virginia school can rename the Robert E. Lee High School after Congressman Lewis, Atlanta can rename a school originally named after a white supremacist to honor a man who not only always urged non violence but also adhered to the highest standard of human behavior human.
Roger H. Derthick High School	Roger H. Derthick was the principal of Grady High School for 16 years from 1956 to 1972 and taught in the Atlanta public school system for 30 years. He lead Grady through the turbulent 1960s including the integration of Grady at great personal risk with skill, caring, and foresight. I attended Grady from 1960 to1965. As principal Mr. Derthick was a great leader in the pep-rallies as he lead the cheer “You Gotta Have Heart”. Under his leadership Grady excelled in academics with an average of 72 students per year inducted into the Senior National Honor Society. In 1963 Grady had 11 Merit Finalists, the largest number in Atlanta of any city school system. A very visible and hands on principal, his sincere personality and warmth combined with a personal interest in each student made him the heart and soul of Grady. Always a compassionate but strong leader, he commanded respect because of his actions. Roger Derthick was a role model and hero to many students. He was a true friend of every member of the Grady family. Because of his 16 year leadership and powerful legacy with Grady, the best choice for renaming Grady is Roger H. Derthick High School.
John R. Lewis High School OR C.T. Vivian High School	In honor of their important work on advancing civil and human rights
Freedom High School	"FREEDOM IS NOT A STATE; IT IS AN ACT. IT IS NOT SOME ENCHANTED GARDEN PERCHED HIGH ON A DISTANT PLATEAU WHERE WE CAN FINALLY SIT DOWN AND REST. FREEDOM IS THE CONTINUOUS ACTION WE ALL MUST TAKE, AND EACH GENERATION MUST DO ITS PART TO CREATE AN EVEN MORE FAIR, MORE JUST SOCIETY."



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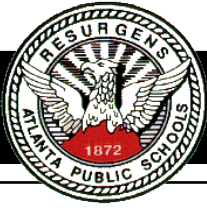
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	<p>– John Lewis on what he learned from movement building in Across That Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America</p> <p>If we can't name the school after John Lewis, let's at least celebrate his life's work. This school could celebrate the Civil Rights Movement in its entirety, not just one person's contributions. And we could celebrate the "continuous action" of each generation, from the fact that we used to be Boys High and now educate young women, to the fact that we are located in Midtown, a location of great importance to Atlanta's Gay Rights movement. I love this idea of continuous action, so that our school's name remains relevant to each successive generation.</p> <p>We are located near John Lewis Freedom Parkway, which will also help make the connection....</p> <p>I think this is a non-controversial name that people could truly rally around - there seems to be a great desire to honor Representative Lewis with the renaming of our school. Plus I am of the firm belief that schools shouldn't be named after people (since people are never perfect). Most high schools in the metro area (outside of APS) are not - think Decatur, Druid Hills, Chamblee, Roswell, Westlake, Northview, Chattahoochee, Tucker, Riverwood, Johns Creek, Dunwoody, Milton, Buford, Marietta, Tri-Cities, etc. etc. We could always go with Midtown High School, and I would be fine with that, but this seems another option worthy of discussion.</p> <p>Changing the name of a school is a difficult process and has a great many implications for the community - this time we want a name which will truly stand the test of time.</p>
Ida B. Wells High School	Maintains journalism focus, shifts to honoring an African American journalist
Midtown High School	It is not controversial. Individuals have foibles. Every person suggested will have a side of them to be debated.
Thomas Adger High School	Dr. Adger was one of the finest educators I have ever known. He served APS in many significant capacities among them, Principal of Grady HS.
Keep it Grady	<p>I had never realized the name was even a bit controversial, honestly. And in what I've read, I'm not understanding for a name push to change either.</p> <p>I mean, yeah. Racism is horrible. Putting others down is horrible. Slave owners were horrible. We all agree on that. But where does it stop then? I mean, all of our founding fathers were racists in one way or another: none of them wrote people of color into the Constitution to have rights. A whole lot of them actually owned slaves</p>



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	<p>or turned a blind eye to it. So should we change every monument to Washington and Jefferson now too? Even Lincoln didn't free ALL slaves with his Emancipation Proclamation; only those in states opposed to the North in the war. Do we need to erase his monument and face on currency too?</p> <p>I digess.</p> <p>I get that outright ugly monuments of hatred should be torn down. And, yeah, I'd love to see the Edmund Pettis Bridge be renamed for our John Lewis too (I was just there this past March btw! more on that in a sec.) But changing the name of Grady High School?</p> <p>I would need to hear a REAL reason why. So many amazing folks have graduated from there since and represent the name of the school better than just the person it was named for. Should we forget them? Their tie to it? People who have gone on and created good in the world that has made "Grady High School" a name of pride instead of just who it was named for? I mean, even Mr. Lewis was not a proponent to changing the bridge name: let something that might have stood for negative things now be a name for good instead.</p> <p>Keep Grady's name.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
John Lewis High School	John Lewis was a local hero, civil rights icon and all around amazing human being.
Midtown High School	The name reflects the location of the school in the Midtown Neighborhood. The name honors the contributions of the neighborhood in LBGTQ rights in the City of Atlanta and Georgia. It reflects the neighborhood values of equality, diversity, and inclusion.
John Lewis Freedom High School	Great civil rights leader who has had an impact on our entire country. We could continue his legacy by having our children learn to carry his torch!
John R Lewis High School	John Lewis admirably served the district where the high school is located.
Grady High School	long standing tradition
Dr. Thomas Adger	He was a noteworthy African American former principal of Grady High School
Grady	It honors all the students who attended. I do not think of the person it is named for - only the people who attended and taught at this great school.



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Midtown Atlanta High School	it describes the location so it will remain a well known school
Keep it Grady	Don't erase history
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is a real American hero who led with love and compassion
No change	As a Black person, I am significantly more concerned about the structural and systemic racism in APS and at Grady than in changing the name.
Lewis-Vivian High	Two civil rights icons
Ida Bell Wells	Female activist
Andrew Young or James Earl Carter Jr.	Both men are wonderful and inspiration people, have great achievements in the civil rights movement, and are important to the Atlanta community.
Piedmont High School	There's no other Piedmont High School in Atlanta, and I think it is a much more fitting name. We are in the Piedmont region of Georgia, and Piedmont Park is right next to the school, being a major feature of the surrounding neighborhoods. With the name, we would not be running away from our history, as one of the defining events in Piedmont Park was the "Cotton States and International Exposition of 1895". It shows we acknowledge the darker parts of our history, a time of slavery, without glorifying it as the name Grady does. It would exemplify our appreciation for art, culture, music, and the outdoors through The Dogwood Festival, Arts Festival of Atlanta, Jazz Festival, and Music Midtown. It displays our modern values of diversity, inclusion, and acceptance, through the LGBTQ Pride Festival. It shows while not forgetting this nation's past, we will not and do not stand for racism. It lives up to our motto and represents who we are as a community more accurately. Please consider the name Piedmont High School.
Roger Derthick	Mr. Derthick was Principal at Grady High School for 16 years. My 4 siblings and I all had the great honor of being students during the time of his service to our community. He was always kind and his words encouraging to all. He was a true gentleman and wanted only the best for each and every student. High school is a trying time for a teenager but having an understanding, compassionate and honorable man such as Mr. Derthick was a truly an advantage. I will always remember his bright eyes, smile and his pep rally cry, "What's the good word?"
Roger Derthick HS	Yes, because he was our long time principal and an excellent educational leader



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Parkside High School (for Piedmont Park)	I believe that geographic names avoid controversies that could come up any time for any person suggested for the replacement of the Henry Grady name. The school has always had a connection to Piedmont Park because of the proximity. The Park is one of the most famous landmarks in the city and making this connection more prominent with a name change and other changes to logos, yearbook name, newspaper name, etc. would make that connection even stronger.
Roger Derthick	Principal Derthink united the students, staff, parents and community during the 60's while Grady went through segregation and made the process a pleasant experience for all involved. He was the eternal cheerleader for students, encouraging and motivating them to be the best that they can be. He instilled the idea of fighting for the underdog meant putting yourselves and your needs second, to doing the right thing. Grady was a sterling example of positive change during turbulent times under Mr. Derthick's leadership.
Roger Derthick	A wonderful and dedicated principal who cared for students.
Roger Derthick Memorial High School	Mr. Derthick was a long time Principal at Grady High School who had a positive impact on the lives of many of its students. This would be a well-deserved tribute to the life of inspirational educator.
Roger Derthick	Long time principal.
Dr. Thomas E. Adger	Importance and dedication to the school and community.
Roger Derthick	He was Principal of Grady High School over many years. He really cared for the students and was a wonderful cheerleader for all of us during his many years serving as Principal. I think most alumni who remember him do so with fondness. His connection to the education of generations of students in the Grady community should be honored.
Roger H. Derthick	Mr. Derthick ws a principal at Grady for decades and beloved by everyone. He did a great deal of work to make Grady the excellent high school it was.
Roger Derthick.	He was an excellent principal. Cared deeply about the students.
Midtown High School	If you pick the name of a person, someone or some group will likely object. This name is neutral, and it reflects the dynamic and diverse area that Midtown has become.
Midtown High School	It makes sense based upon location. People send their children to this school because of the resources in the Midtown area.
Roger Derthick	Our principal, Roger Derthick, was a fair and open-minded champion of all students, regardless of race or religious preference, and served for many years in this capacity. He represents the high schools' ideals for decades of students.
Roger Derthick	I have 4 siblings and we all attended Grady and Mr. Derthick was Principal for all 5 of us!



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Roger Derthick High	He was Grady's principal for 20+ yrs. He was a champion for the student body. A very caring principal
Roger Derthick	Without a doubt he was the very best principal that Grady High School could have had during the 5 years that I was a student.
Rodger Derthick	Rodger Derthick was principal at Grady when I was a student there from 1960-1965. He was an inspiration to all and a wonderful role model. He was loved by all the students and a driving force in the success of many of the students. Grady alumni are very engaged with their former classmates. The necessary loss of the name of our school would be tempered by honoring the man who embodied the spirit of the school and who was beloved by his former students.
Roger Derthick High School	He was a beloved principal who dedicated his years to making Henry Grady High School one of the best in the city!
Roger Derthick	Roger Derthick was a wonderful principal of Grady High school for many years!!!
Roger Derthick HS	An outstanding principal @ Grady for many years...filled with endless love & fair undying support for every aspect of Grady HS life.
Roger Derthick	Roger Derthick was a wonderful principal. He was caring and personable with students and faculty. His enthusiasm regarding any and all things that effected the school and the student body was immeasurable. He was a family man with children that attended school near his residence. He made us feel like we counted and to those that didn't have the best family life he was like a father figure that would offer guidance when needed. He treated everyone from faculty, to students and parents with utmost respect and never made one feel like he didn't care or have time. He was genuine and caring. It was an atmosphere conducive to learning. Pep rallies were exciting if for no other reasons simply because of his energy and enthusiasm. During the 5 yrs. I attended Grady I never saw a lack of enthusiasm from him for the school that he loved so much. Seeing him at our 20th reunion was a special and surprising gift. Hearing him say those famous words he said before each scheduled football game once more was music to our ears. At the 20th he once again asked the same "what's the good word? And our familiar reply was the same, "beat North Fulton." Of course the school's name changed with each rally but there was just something about the competition between Grady and North Fulton. And yes, we beat them many times. I hope that this wonderful man and role model will have his name given to our school. Adding this to his legacy would be such an honor given him. Though he won't be here to know it his family will and future and present students should learn about the great man and principal he was and what a positive role model he was for everyone who was privileged to know him.
ROGER DERTHICK	PRINCIPAL OF GRADY HIGH SCHOOL



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Diversity High School	This name is representative of Atlanta's multi-cultural and international population. I do not believe public schools should be named after people or specific historical references. Schools are places of learning, creativity, exploration, imagination, open-mindedness, tolerance, safety, and the central and most important gathering places for communities.
Roger H. Derthick	<p>Frank Noyes – I graduated from Grady HS in 1969</p> <p>Roger H. Derthick Beloved principal of Grady HS for 16 years, guiding the school with love and compassion during the early 60's school integration. He made a lasting impact on his students.</p> <p>Mr. Derthick taught in the Atlanta school system for 30 years, starting at Murphy HS. He then became principal at Cleveland Elementary School before moving on to Grady.</p> <p>Was president of the Atlanta Teachers Association for 10 years, fighting for better working conditions for teachers, smaller classrooms and increased pay.</p> <p>Mr. Derthick was a WWII veteran who taught illiterate soldiers to read at both Fort Benning and Fort Bragg.</p> <p>He certainly had a distinguished career in education and was an inspiration to countless number of students who had the good fortune of knowing him over the years.</p> <p>Mr. Derthick passed away in 1999.</p>
Roger H. Derthick	He was the former Principal of Henry Grady High School. He was a wonderful man. He service as President of the Atlanta Teachers Association.
Roger Derthick HS or Piedmont HS	Grady has a long, proud heritage and is identified around the country as a school of excellence. It needs a suitable name to maintain it's heritage and identity. Piedmont particularly identifies it with the city. Mr. Derthick led Grady through many challenges including one of the first Atlanta schools to be successfully integrated in 1964.
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Midtown High School	Ida Wells has no connection to the school or neighborhood. I wish it could be for Roger Derthick who built Grady into school of excellence but that is politically unacceptable today. Better to name the school for its neighborhood than for someone with no connection to the school or neighborhood or someone who will prove an unacceptable honoree in the future.
Piedmont Park High	I grew up on the corner of 10th and Charles Island where I live for almost 30 years when I attended Grady we would occasionally use Piedmont Park for outdoor classes & various athletic practice meets. There has always been a beautiful connection between Grady and Piedmont Park which I would love to see continue.



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	Regards, Frances Kaplan
Roger Derthick	Long-time Principal who did much to make/keep the school one of the premier high schools in Atlanta.
Roger Derthick High School	I believe if the name must be changed it should be someone who had a real connection to the school and was beloved by all the students. Roger Derthick was principal of Grady for 16 years in the 1950s and 1960s. I can't think of anyone who ever met him who didn't like him. Additionally, he was President of the Atlanta Teacher's Union for 10 years fighting for smaller classroom sizes, higher salaries, and overall better working conditions for Atlanta's teachers. It would be very appropriate to name our school for someone who loved it and it loved him right back.
Roger Derthick Memorial High School	I am disappointed that there remains a question about changing the name of Henry Grady High School. The effort to accomplish this goal of changing the name signifies a misunderstanding of history. Even at this date, I hope a change will not take place. But, if there is to be a change, the new name should honor someone who has made important contributions to the school and directly impacted the lives of a multitude of students as he served as the principal of Grady for 16 years...Roger Derthick. He also served as President of the Atlanta Teachers Association.
Roger Derthick	Mr. Derthick was the long time Principal and Mr. Grady High School!
Charlayne Hunter Gault High School	<p>I would like to nominate Ms. Charlayne Hunter Gault to honor in this important way. She was an APS graduate of Turner High School, where she served as editor of the school newspaper (and was even elected Miss Turner High). Ms. Gault integrated the University of Georgia in 1961, when the NAACP sued on her behalf the right to attend the segregated institution, from which she graduated with a degree in journalism in 1963. Ms. Gault went on to have an exemplary career in journalism, earning two Peabodys and two Emmy awards, among numerous other awards. She spent over thirty years with the New York Times, National Public Radio and public broadcasting, including a stint as CNN bureau chief in South Africa, winning awards for coverage of that country's transition to democracy. Many of us remember her as the intelligent, even-tempered special correspondent for the McNeil Lehrer Report for years.</p> <p>Ms. Hunter Gault spent her career speaking truth to power, and as a global humanitarian, her foundation supports students in social justice and global understanding at UGA, where an academic building bears her name. She was an articulate voice for the voiceless and used her own life to raise the standard of media's coverage of women and people of color. Most of all, she walked the halls of Atlanta Public Schools, just like our kids.</p>





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	<p>She is one of the very best of us – a daughter of Atlanta who represents courage and integrity, leadership excellence, and giving back - all those things we try to teach our children, and our students every day. I hope that we might honor Ms. Gault in this important way, towards a brighter, more hopeful, inspired future. I am proud that my high school remains a gem of the APS system - Hunter Gault High School has a beautiful ring to it.</p>
Midtown High School	<p>This name is a reflection of the diversity in both our high school but also in the larger community. The current name is not a reflection of the views of its current students and so it must be changed to be a better reflection of our ideals.</p>
Midtown High School	<p>it erases the racist past while maintaining something true to our location</p>
Marian Patricia Kelly High School	<p>Dear Committee Members,</p> <p>The mantra, "Individually, we are different; together, we are Grady," has served as a beacon for decades of Grady High School staff and students. Implicit in this declaration, is the belief that the learning environment at Grady, while intentionally designed and fiercely protected, was the result of a choice to foster unity and quell divisiveness.</p> <p>Ms. Marian Patricia "Pat" Kelly served on the faculty of Grady High School for 40 years. As one of the schools' first faculty of color, she was a trailblazer for staff of all creeds and ethnicities. As an English teacher, she helped her students develop the skills of critical reading, writing, and oratory. As Chairwoman of the English Department, she mentored new teachers, gently guiding and preparing them to shape generations of students. As a faculty advisor for the student government association, she offered wise counsel to student leaders seeking to better joy, pride, and courage until her work was finished.</p> <p>Lastly, as a unifier, she along with a student leader and her colleagues Ms. Naomi Grishman and Dr. Vincent Murray penned the very mantra we all so revere ... "individually, we are different; together, we are Grady". I urge you to follow Ms. Kelly's example, choose to unite our Grady family, choose to foster unity, and quell divisiveness, as she did every day of her career. Choose to actualize the meaning of our mantra by forming Marian Patricia Kelly High School at 929 Charles Allen Drive.</p>
Literally anything	<p>People who are against integration = bad</p>



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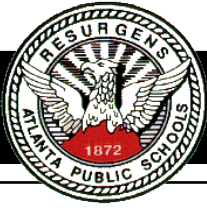
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except a white supremacist's name	
Roger Derthick	He was a superior principle. Knew each student personally. Took great interest in serving the success of each student paying special attention to needs and issues of the student and not a one size fits all attitude. A true commitment to education and personal growth of the students. His temper was even, his heart was open and he was an excellent listener and problem solver. Still loved to this day by all who knew him.
Brooks honor high	I'm the wife of rayshard brooks an I would love to keep his name alive for my children in a positive way an for other young Americans.
C.T. Vivian High School	Reverend C.T. Vivian believed in the citizens of Atlanta. He was more than an icon, he was a man filled with respect, dignity, courage and positivity. What better way of keeping his legacy alive is to rename Henry Grady High School to C.T. Vivian High School.
Judy Coker	Roger Derthick High School - Mr. Derthick was an outstanding principle & loyal to the students & school.
Henry W. Grady	We can not erase the past, no matter how horrible. We can only learn from it. Changing a name does not erase anything. This has gotten out of hand, we are all responsible for our own paths in life.
Use a numerical designation	It offends no one
Roger Derthico High School	Mr Derthick was the principal and had a long and rich history of service to the school. He was a man of principal and students, faculty and parents alike adored and respected him. He was an honorable man, loved Grady and was always there with fairness, kindness, but a firm resolve to insure that we did and gave our best. My choice is to keep my memories intact and not rename Grady. But, if you are going to rename Grady; no one is more deserving than Mr. Derthick to receive this honor. NO one!! As a graduate of the class of 1969, there were a lot of social issues at the time, but Mr. Derthick's only mission for every young person, regardless of race or religion who walked the great halls of Grady High School, was that they got the best all-around education and development to succeed. Hands down...the only choice!
Roger Derthick High School	Mr. Derthick was a caring and patient leader to his students at Grady. He provided great leadership to the the staff as well as the student body. He was proud of his school and it showed in everything he did.
Midtown High	Very inclusive Trying to make ALL feel welcome



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	Celebrates Atlanta Modern and Goes off the tongue
No change	Keep the name
Roger Derthick High School	Mr. Derthick was an icon for many many years at Grady, and no one screamed, "Who's Gonna Win?" Better than him at Pep Rallies
Rodger Derthick	He was principal through integration of the high school and was devoted to it's diversity
Thomas E Adger	Awesome leader and principal at Grady
Roger Derthick	Mr Derthick was a fantastic principal and I would love to see him honored this way.
Vincent D. Murray High School	Dr. Murray made some amazing changes and vowed to be inclusive, involved, and always put the students first. It was sad to see him leave, and I believe most of the community here that is passionate about changing the name would agree and be able to recall Dr. Murray and his many years of service to the school.
Roger Derthick	Wonderful principal for many years. He loved the school and students. He was always a cheerleader for everyone.
Rogder Derthick	He was the principal for many many years and deserves to be honored. He had a tremendous influence on many students.
Roger Derthick	Former long term principal of Grady who was a proactive proponent of the students and the school, and impacted a significant number of students during his Long term tenure. He lead the way during the transition (increased integration) process. His name is synonymous with the school.
Piedmont High school	Removes the racist history of the school and represents a neighboring landmark.
Roger Derthick High School	He was the principal during my five year attendance. He means a lot to the school. I remember his phrase at the football rallies. "What's the good word". This past October I attended my 50th High School Reunion.
Roger Derthick High School	I feel this would be in honor of the most wonderful educator!!!!
Roger Derthick	He was a great principal who cared about the school, his students and the neighborhood.
John R Lewis High School	Lewis was an iconic civil rights leader and the congressional representative for the schools community.
Midtown High	Reflects the area and is neutral.
John Lewis High	Because he represented equality for everyone not just black people
John Lewis High School	Because John Lewis was an great man and the school soon to be formerly named Grady Is a great high school



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Grady High School	It's the name with which the school has operated for this long! Why are we trying to change it?
No change	Leave it alone.
Ida B. Wells High School	<p>GHS has been known for its journalism magnet program for decades. I think it's poetic to replace the name of a white supremacist publisher with the name of a prolific Black female journalist whose stories brought attention to the atrocities of lynching and racism in the south.</p> <p>As a Black student at GHS, I remember the pride one of my teachers took in telling me that my high school was named after a white supremacist. I remember the discomfort I felt and the anger that stirred inside of me. I kept my mouth shut because I was a magnet student and I felt like he was reminding me of my place. It was one of the many times he did throughout my freshman year.</p> <p>While that teacher is no longer at GHS, that experience of feeling of not belonging is not unique. Imagine what it is like to walk into school everyday into a building that honors a man who said, "The supremacy of the white race of the South must be maintained forever, and the domination of the negro race resisted at all points and at all hazards – because the white race is the superior race."</p> <p>Now, imagine what it is like to walk into a school that faced its history and replaced its name with that of Ida B. Wells who once wrote, "Henry W. Grady in his well-remembered speeches in New England and New York pictured the Afro-American as incapable of self-government. Through him ... the cry of the South to the country has been 'Hands off! Leave us to solve our problem.' To the Afro-American the South says, 'the white man must and will rule.' There is little difference between the Antebellum South and the New South."</p> <p>As a committee, you may feel compelled to choose a race-neutral name. However, I would like to remind you of the words of Desmond Tutu who said, "If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."</p> <p>We must choose a side to make it clear which side of history we stand on. I fear that this committee will select a race neutral name like Piedmont High School or Midtown High School. I implore you not to do that especially given so many students commute to GHS as magnet students. Naming the school after a location where they do not live is another form of "othering."</p>



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	Atlanta Public Schools made me who I am today. I am a GHS graduate and the 2009 APS Elementary TOTY. Today, I run an organization that supports educators in creating anti-racist environments. I could share with you all the reasons about why this name change is necessary but I'm not going to share something you already know. Instead, I'm going to tell you that I would like to tell people not that I attended a school named for a white supremacist, but that I attended school and worked for a district that stood on the ride side of history.
Midtown High	Represents the neighborhood
Midtown High School	It is inclusive of our whole area. We are all midtowners!
barak obama	the first black president
Freedom High	It honors the Civil Rights Freedom Riders without choosing a specific name. It's close to Freedom Parkway. Sports teams could be The Riders. Specific places on campus (auditoriums, courtyards, etc.) could be named after individuals from the Civil Rights Movement.
Roger Dirthick	He loved the students as much as they loved him!
Piedmont High School	It's neutral
Midtown	I graduated from Grady in 1973. I lived off of Monroe Drive on Cresthill Avenue. Also attended Inman Elementary. Even back then the area has always been referred to as Midtown.... A term that I use to this day when telling where I grew up. Fond memories. I am fine with a lot of the other names also... I do like Freedom as a nod to John Lewis. Definitely think there needs to be a name change.
Dr. Thomas Adger	Dr. Adger cared for every student and neighborhood that made up the population of my high school alma mater.
Susancarter	Because that's it's founding name
Freedom HS	It's a good word, Atlanta is a city that has connections with freedom and justice, Freedom Park is in the cluster, and the team could be the Riders
Thomas E. Adger High School	He was a longtime assistant principal and principle of Grady High School and educator in other schools and roles in the Atlanta Public School
Ida B wells or CT Vivian	Time for a change...I love Grady and everyone it stands for but those aren't people Henry Grady would have supported.
Piedmont High	It stands with the community and does not Affiliate with any one individual
old 4th ward high school	the school more serves the old 4th ward community
John Lewis High School	He was a great activist.



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Yolanda King Huh School	Daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and an activist herself, also an alumnus of Grady High.
Grady High School	Because including the sir name "Henry", and the Initial "W" are superfluous, and everybody calls and knows the school as simply "Grady", or GHS in written form.
Roger Derthick High	This man dedicated his life to continuing and improving on the spirit of acceptance to all that was Grady High in his 16 years leading our school!
Midtown High School	disconnected from the ugliness of prejudice and race as a construct
keep henry w grady high	bc it's history. this is ridiculous.
Middle High school	Appropriate and better than the other choices
Atlanta Inclusion HS (Warriors)	It would be fitting after all these years of exclusion and the people who fought for it to be that way on both sides
Midtown HS	appropriate location
John Robert Lewis	Mr. Lewis was a civil-rights leader and best known for his actions to end legalized racial segregation in the United States. He should be honored for his work in the Atlanta community and all over the United States.
Midtown Atlanta High School	As an alumni and current staff member (Athletic Director) of Grady, my pride for the school has never come from the actual namesake of Henry W. Grady. It has come from Grady's unique position as a diverse urban public school with an outstanding reputation for academics and extracurricular activities. I am in support of the name change and think Midtown is a worthy choice that reflects the sources of pride for all members of Grady's community and avoids any current or future controversy over any individual that might be chosen. It is also in keeping with current APS high schools South Atlanta and North Atlanta. Thank you for your consideration!
Beltline High School	Cant be judged in future as being offensive or inappropriate
CT VIVIAN OR BELOVED COMMUNITY	it's a nod to the Civil Rights in Atlanta
Grady High School	Because it has history to it
Do not change the name	Henry Grady did a lot toward growing Atlanta economically. Changing the name only furthers ignoring history. His name on the school serves to educate students of his achievements as well as his failures. Let's continue to learn and remember our history rather than disregard it and repeat unworthy actions of our past.



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	This questionnaire is skewed toward changing the name as it does not have an option for “Do not change the name”.
Roger H. Derthick	<p>Mr. Derthick was the principal of Grady while I attended from 1961 through graduation in 1966. He was a very special leader and enthusiastic supporter of everything about Grady High School. You always knew his door was open and that any student could talk to him about concerns. He seemed to be everywhere (sports events, around the campus, pep rallies, student government meetings and more).</p> <p>I spoke with him about two concerns I had as a student. One was personal and one impacted the Girls Basketball Team. The first was when I was put in a mathematics class that I felt would hinder not help my progress. He listened and arranged for me to change classes. The second was when integration came to Grady. A number of my fellow players threatened to quit the team if that happened. Mr. Derthick encouraged me to speak to all the team members, individually and together. We integrated without a problem and with no one leaving the team. I couldn't have done this without his encouragement.</p> <p>I believe that Mr. Derthick changed lives with grace, compassion, understanding, and encouragement. He was an admired model for all the Grady students and the community. He is an unsung hero of a difficult time in Atlanta's history.</p>
Henry Grady - Yolanda King High School	Here is a column I wrote about why: <a href="https://saportareport.com/respect-the-arc-of-history-with-new-name-henry-grady-yolanda-king-high-school/">https://saportareport.com/respect-the-arc-of-history-with-new-name-henry-grady-yolanda-king-high-school/</a>
John R. Lewis High School	I believe the standard of excellence Grady High School demanded out of all of its former students helped propel us into the prestigious careers we find ourselves in today. For our esteemed school to be associated with a story of hatred and willful ignorance is disheartening, and not representative of the experience we had there. I pride myself on having a diverse high school experience that prepared me to interact and create with different people from around the world. The history and the NAME of the institution should reflect those same values that were instilled into as students, as well as serve as the example we want to set for students in the future. A legacy of love, collaboration and academic excellence.
Grady High	Yes. Close to original but maybe not as bothersome to the left.
Piedmont High School	Because the school is located next to piedmont park which is a major gathering point for people in the city of Atlanta.
Freedom High Schools	<p>Suggestion: Freedom High School</p> <p>Rationale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion in online meetings had a common theme. The appreciation of what the school has provided for nearly a century was evident. While issues of race were</li> </ul>



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	<p>present, it was the memories and belief in what the school provides that motivated engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The name encapsulates the history of the school: From Boys' High to becoming co-ed to desegregation to inclusion of LGBTQI+ communities. Grady HS prides itself on its belief that our community ought to have the freedom to be themselves and encourages the use of their voices to promote critical, independent and free thought.</li> <li>- The name of "Freedom" pays homage to John Lewis "Freedom" Parkway</li> <li>- The name gives a nod to The King Center, which connects to alum Yolanda King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. and Coretta Scott King.</li> <li>- The name also gives a nod do The Carter Center which is in proximity of the school.</li> <li>- It is inclusive of the beliefs of so many of the names suggested. It creates a reason to celebrate the richness of our community and the ideals of freedom and equality that permeate through our beliefs.</li> <li>- I teach the African Diaspora curriculum through the AP Capstone program and the number of individuals worthy of honor is absolutely tremendous. The same is true of individuals suggested with direct connection to the school. How do we choose who is "most" deserving? Who should be cast aside? Choosing a single name could be fantastic but could also be seen as exclusive by those whose suggestions were not selected. This suggestion embraces the inclusivity that is our school.</li> </ul>
Zora Neal Hurston	Great writer
Midtown Atlanta High School	The name of the school does not need to commemorate a white or black person. The name needs to reflect Atlanta as a vibrant integrated city.
Cordy Tindell Vivian	C.T. Vivian dedicated his life and career to meaningful educational and civic gains for people of all backgrounds. His work reflects a guiding principle of institutions in Atlanta. Renaming a school that educates a diverse student body in honor of his work would be an enduring testament to his life, work, and legacy.
Midtown High School	Represents area of school
NE Atlanta High School	location of the school
Henry W. Grady	Please see William Hedgepeth's article. I stand with what he is saying. If you participate in the woke culture, please wake up and don't deny history.
ATL Midtown High School	We already have North Atlanta High School. It is not dependent on anyone's legacy. It is purely locational.





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Thomas E. Adger High School	He was a former Asst. Principle and Principle of Grady and was truly loved by the staff and student's
Jimmy Carter	His library is located in the cluster which provides the connection. His record of service for humanity. I think it would be an honor for the cluster to have our high school named after someone like Jimmy Carter. He does not have a high school (or school from my quick search) named after him in Georgia. Only one high School located in Texas
Midtown High School	Representative of all of the communities within the zone.
Midtown High School; Mid Atlanta High School	It represents the location and not named after a person which may be viewed as controversial based on a person's subjective bias.
John Lewis High School	Huge member of Civil Rights/History of United States, special connection to ATL
Marian P. Kelly	Ms. Kelly devoted her career to serving Grady HS students, staff, and families.
Mid-Town High	This name fits with the present community in the area.
John R. Lewis High School	Lewis was one of the "Big Six" leaders of groups who organized the 1963 March on Washington. He fulfilled many critical roles in the civil rights movement and its actions to end legalized racial segregation in the United States. In 1965, Lewis led the first of three Selma to Montgomery marches across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.
Yolanda King High	She was a notable alumni, activist, artist and entertainer. Daughter of MLK.
Midtown High School	Clarity is kind.
John Lewis High School	We'll never have to regret John's legacy.
Thomas E. Adger High School	Adger was the principal at Grady from 1981 to 1991. During his time at Grady, Adger reestablished the school's reputation by creating programs that continue to be prosperous and by creating a new environment for future generations of students.
Xernona Clayton Brady	She was able to use words to spread love. She is a example of what the world needs more of, people that believe in something and are able to articulate it and have people change their views.
Midtown High School	Midtown defines the community that lives in the area
Midtown High or Piedmont High	I think it's best to name the school based on its location rather than a historical figure.



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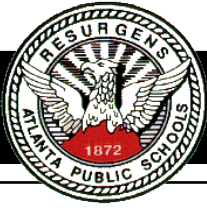
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Midtown High School	We're the only high school in Midtown.
Thomas Adger High School	Dr. Adger was an Assistant Principal then a Principal while I was in school. He made lasting changes and was an outstanding man. We should honor him.
Jimmy Carter High School.	Jimmy Carter was the 76th Governor of Georgia and the 39th president of the United States. During his life Jimmy Carter has been active purveyor of both civil and human rights. While President he authored the Camp David accords that brought peace to israel and egypt that still exists today. After his presidency Carter prolific volunteer for Habitat for Humanity where he has help build homes for hundreds disadvantaged citizens. Also, his presidential library (located in the Grady cluster) worked tirelessly until the parasite guinea worm infections was reduced by 99.9%. Also, in 2002 he won the Nobel Peace. While controversial to some, I believe Jimmy Carter best reflects the ideals of the current Grady cluster, the surrounding neighborhoods and (hopefully) our nation as whole.
Freedom	It represents the overarching journey of the school while being inclusive of the history within the cluster. I like that it pulls in John Lewis with Freedom Pkwy right near the school.
Midtown High School or Atlanta Midtown	When people in the Atlanta area make reference to Midtown, they are almost always speaking of something positive or exciting, such as a concert, a festival in Piedmont Park, skyscrapers, a show at the Fox, the High Museum, Georgia Tech, or a favorite restaurant. Midtown is a place you go to feel part of your community, to experience "the city". The students at Grady High School and their families live the Midtown experience every day; it informs who they are.
Midtown High School	Since the name is location based, it provides a neutral identity to the cluster that is not followed by an individual's name. It's hard to categorize an entire student body/community by a singular name, so adhering to its own neighborhood district would be suitable.
Freedom High School	It has meaning to the community and honors John Lewis and the freedom riders.
Piedmont High School	We are situated across from the park with the same name. It's detachment from a historical person not only prevents current arguments about the purity of an individual, but prevents future issues that might arise with picking an individual who seems worthy today but may not be decades from now. There is one private school in the Atlanta area which uses the name Piedmont, but there is no other Piedmont High in the metro area. It's succinct, two syllables, and Piedmont Knights has a good ring to it.
John Robert Lewis	His values of "good trouble" fit those of the schools student body and Alum.



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John Robert Lewis	An amazing way to honor a giant in our community.
C.T Vivian high	He lived in Atlanta, he was a big part of the civil rights movement, he received the presidential medal from Obama, he was a Mentor to John Lewis, and it is a way to remember and honor his legacy
John Lewis	I mean, duh, he was awesome, but he was also our representative for years as well.
Midtown High School	It's simple and reflects it's urban setting
Roger Derthick High School	He was a well respected and inspirational principal for 16 years and certainly deserves such recognition.
Any name that isn't tied to racism	See above
Atlanta Midtown High School or Piedmont High School	It gives credence to the geographic area of the high school which subsequently may reduce the likelihood of future contentiousness.
Henry Grady High School	Name should not change
PS 929	Public School, address is 929
Atlanta High School	No school should be named after a person. No one is perfect. Please don't waste future taxpayers money by naming a public building after any individual. I have no idea exactly how many millions this is costing, but I am sure it could be better utilized in a different area, perhaps servicing the many homeless kids in this cluster.
John Lewis	I believe it speaks for itself but a lifetime of fighting for racial justice, voting rights, 30 years as our congressman, and his statue is in the Grady district.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is a national hero who did tons of work in the city of Atlanta
Piedmont High School or Midtown High School	the location of the school is pretty important since it's in the heart of the city, so I feel like anything that highlights where it is makes sense
Atlanta Central or Allen High School	Atlanta Central encompasses the significance of being an inner city school in the heart of Atlanta. It symbolizes how we come from many different neighborhoods and backgrounds in pursuit of an educational community and opportunity for all.  Allen High School is after Ivan Allen Jr, the 52nd Mayor of Atlanta who played a pivotal role in transforming the segregated and economically stagnant Old South into



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	<p>the progressive New South. In a key address to the public, he asked Atlantans to eliminate racial segregation and in doing so, to set an example to inspire "all the world". This is symbolic of everything our school stands for at its core: equality, leadership, unity, and setting the example towards a better future.</p> <p>Source: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Allen_Jr.">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivan_Allen_Jr.</a></p>
Piedmont Hills	Because of the area it sits in
midtown high	it is fitting for the area.
Midtown High School	It's in Midtown and is a neutral name.
John Lewis High School	Because John Lewis has done a lot for Atlanta and was namely effectual in the civil rights movement and since he has passed I believe it would be an honor to him and a good look for the school's future.
E.B. Williams Senior High School	Dr. E.B Williams founded the Business and Economics Department at Morehouse college and also has an annual award ceremony at Morehouse called the E.B. Williams award given to the top Business and Economics Student at Morehouse college. He served the Morehouse community for over 40 years and was a advocate for higher education.... for all students. He passed away in 1996 here in Atlanta, Ga.
John R. Lewis High School	Great public figure for the city of Atlanta
Park High, or Piedmont Park High	Seems obvious- Piedmont Park is the crown jewel of the city, and Grady borders it. Plus Atlanta names too many things - streets, schools, bldgs after people.
Roger Derthick	Mr. Derthick was the principal there for so many years. He was just best principal any school could have, a wonderful human being and very understanding person
Midtown High school	It is not a name so it could never become controversial. And fits in with other APS names since there is a North Atlanta High School and a south atlanta high school
Oak High	Strength, Environment, Legacy, Garden District, Non-political, Georgia Native, "City in the Trees", beside Piedmont Park, Colors of red and grey still work,
Mr. Roger Derthick	So instrumental in instilling The "GRADY HS" spirit in the student body! Had such a profound influence in how important education was for a better life. He was involved in every aspect of our high school life from classes to sports to our future.
John Lewis High School	He was an amazing American icon
John Lewis High School	Do I really have to explain
John Lewis High School	It's pretty self explanatory but he is a legendary civil rights leader from Georgia who deserves to be recognized and appreciated in many ways. This is a great way to do so.



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John Robert Lewis High School	Congressman Lewis served the district honorably and in service to the Beloved Community in direct contrast to the racist rhetoric of Henry Grady.
Atlanta High School	Comparable to "North Atlanta High School" and ties in the former name "Boys High School"
John Lewis High School	Honors civil right hero
The Gandhi-King-Carter High School (GKC-HS)	<p>PLEASE support renaming this high school after THREE (3) GLOBALLY-RESPECTED PEACE-BUILDERS. Doing so, it will deliver statewide, national and international publicity PLUS help children to emulate these leaders widely respected peace legacies!</p> <p>The Gandhi-King-Carter High School (GKC HS) [ SUBSTANTIATING POINTS BELOW]</p> <p>2019 was the Sesquicentennial of Gandhi: Man of the Millennium (Years 1000-2000)</p> <p>Even Dr. King STILL warns us via his quote: "We ignore Gandhi at our own risk..."</p> <p>MLK is Mahatma Gandhi's most globally accomplished Peace Movement Protégé</p> <p>MLK is the world's most referenced Nobel Peace Laureate</p> <p>Gandhi proclaimed: "If we are to teach real peace in the world... we must begin with the children."</p> <p>Even US Congressman John R Lewis (D-GA) recently recommended Gandhi &amp; King! (Google H.R.5517)</p> <p>Furthermore, Jimmy Carter is most accomplished former Pres in USA History + a great Nobel Peace Laureate!</p> <p>GEORGIA has the ONLY USA Capital with sculptures of two Nobel Peace Laureates (KING &amp; CARTER)!</p> <p>Pres Carter proclaimed: "The efforts of Martin &amp; Coretta, although not appreciated even at the highest level of government, have changed America."</p> <p>2020 is 40th Anniversary of Pres Carter signing legislation for the MLK-National</p>



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Historic Site (NHS) Oct. 10, 1980

The future Gandhi Center will be built near the King Center & Carter Center (in Grady HS neighborhood !)

The success of aforementioned will create "The Gandhi-King-Carter Global Peace District!" (an original term)

This GREAT new GKC-Global Peace District can equally honor the three men+three women of these surnames!

2020 is the 90th Anniversary of Gandhi's 1930 VERY futuristic & prescient proclamation (see below)

Gandhi proclaimed: "THE FUTURE IS WITH WOMAN. Who can make a more effective appeal to the heart than woman?"

As brothers Mohandas, Martin & Jimmy are honored, so too must these 3 GREAT sisters of our Global Family!

WIVES: Kasturbai Gandhi // Coretta Scott King // Eleanor Rosalynn Carter (kids can their beautiful names too)

ATLANTA is the ideal host-city for the envisioned 2021 World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates (WSNPL)

The NEW name for Grady High School (HS) will position it to become an event venue for ATL's 2021-WSNPL

WE, together, can HAVE A DREAM that this HS will inspire peace transformation for many ATL generations ahead

WE, together, can HAVE A DREAM that this HS can eventually generate international publicity

The true destiny for "ATLANTA: City of Peace" is in becoming a Global Capital of Peace !

Educational leaders, teachers and students of Grady & Atlanta can become integral TRANSFORMERS. The very BEST option for generations to come is this one...



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	The Gandhi-King-Carter High School (GKC HS)
Mr. Roger H. Derthick	Mr. Derthick was a long time principal of Grady HS who successfully and peacefully led our school through desegregation. Mr. Derthick was the students' biggest "cheerleader" when it came to all sports as well as academic endeavors. While he was able, he attended all class reunions. He also was President of the Atlanta Teachers Association for 10 years. During his tenure he fought for better working conditions for teachers, smaller classrooms and increased pay.
Lugenia Burns Hope High School	Lugenia Burns Hope organized the Atlanta Neighborhood Union, which helped improve the neglected conditions of Atlanta's Black communities in the early 1900's. She reformed the neighborhoods by providing daycare and kindergarten, building new school, raising Black teacher's salaries, and many more things. (Paraphrased from Paula Giddings's book <i>When and Where I Enter</i> ). Burns Hope helped black students and teachers, and should be honored for her contributions to Black Atlanta communities.
Piedmont Park High	When in doubt, go with an easy to remember, not to be confused with elsewhere geographic reference.
HENRY W. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL	There should be NO other name. Henry W. Grady High School has stood the time with a Great History of Education. No Name Change should even be considered. Thank You.
John Lewis High School	John Lewis is a civil rights icon, local AND national hero, and represented Atlanta, including the Grady community, admirably in his long tenure as Congressman.
Roger H. Derthick High School	<p>I do hope you will get this note in time to make a difference. I was the editor of the 1960 yearbook, <i>The Orator</i>, at Grady. It was at the beginning of change for the school. I, like many of my contemporaries, would like to keep the name as Henry Grady High School.</p> <p>However, if it must be changed, I think naming it after Roger H. Derthick would be appropriate. He was the most wonderful, understanding, and involved principle any student could have experienced. He understood how to motivate teenagers to do their best. He also ushered Grady into peaceful desegregation. Please let me know that you received this note and I hope you will seriously consider my request.</p>



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Thoma Adger High School	Dr. Thomas Adger as principal of Grady High School worked to involve a diverse community and urge students towards scholastic excellence. He turned the school around. I have sent an email that details this to committee members earlier. I would be glad to attach it here, but this format does not allow that.
Roger Derthick	I was president of my class my senior year. Mr. Derthick was quite supportive of the students and their activities. He expected a great deal from us but was very fair in handling all issues. We were at Grady in a very tumultuous time in 1960 but he got us through it all In a very positive manner. I can think of no one more deserving.
I don't believe the name should change	Henry Grady High School
John Robert Lewis	Civil Rights Leader that gave his life and career to further the life's of all of his constituents and US citizens
John Lewis High School	His life's work was honorable. He was a public servant who fought for civil rights, and he contributed to this city as a congressman for decades.
The New South; Orator Henry Grady	Keeps local history honoring all Grady alumni & present students who are proud of school?
Midtown High School	We are a city school and it is fitting
John Lewis High	Because John Lewis represented the district in which the school is, and because John Lewis was a civil rights icon who deserves to be remembered for generations to come
John R. Lewis High	John Lewis was a giant of the civil rights movement, and represented the 5th District of Georgia, which includes Midtown, for over 30 years. In addition, honoring this genuinely great man in this way helps undo the last 70 years of honoring Henry Grady's white supremacy and reaffirms APS's commitment to an anti-racist culture, in the most inoffensive and innocuous way possible. John Lewis was beloved in Atlanta and far more worthy of being honored than Henry Grady.
Liberty High	We are for Liberty of Justice for all.
John Lewis Memorial High School	The name honors the memory, legacy of a highly revered, deeply dedicated public servant and advocate of racial justice. Rep. Lewis served the 5th district, Grady's district, for over 30 years. His name deserves at least serious consideration. Please use this opportunity to honor a person who served our community and don't merely label the building a geographic location, worse, a term most likely coined by real estate professionals. I beg you.
Piedmont High	More specific than Midtown High, located near Piedmont Park





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Ida B. Wells	She is a pioneering journalist and a worthy model for current and future communicators trained at our Alma mater.
Freedom High	It represents the spirit of our culture in one word.
Midtown High School	It honors a place rather than any one person.
Dr. Thomas Asher High School	His dedication to the school, it's students and faculty is noteworthy.
John Lewis Freedom High School	Considering the late, Honorable John Lewis served in this area, and the student body represents diversity and inclusion, it's only right.
Piedmont Heights	I believe this would be a good name because it uses the Piedmont name which indicates the location of the school but with the addition of Heights to the name you have a little bit of distinguishing between the park and the hospital and all of the other things around Atlanta named Piedmont.
Piedmont High School	The school's location to the park!
Charles Allen High School	named after the street location
Ida Wells	Documented southern mistreatment if people of color
John Lewis High School	Grady is located in Lewis's district and it would be a wonderful way to honor his legacy in that area.
Thomas E. Adger High School	He was our principal in the 80s.
Remain Henry W. Grady OR Piedmont HS	Henry Grady did much for the city of Atlanta and I feel that the name should not be changed OR location name, not after another person. Piedmont HS should not become offensive to anyone in the future and the location across from Piedmont Park points to this name.
Grady	The school has stood as a foundation in a neighborhood that has lived through the times. Leave it and properly educated students about the dark side of history but stop erasing the dark side. How can we learn from evil and model what we have learned when we keep erasing everything.
Dr. Thomas Adger High School	Thomas Adger
Thomas E. Adger High School	During his time at Grady, Mr Adger reestablished the school's reputation by creating programs that continue to prosper. Under his leadership the journalism and



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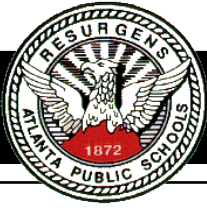
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	communication magnets were established. He brought Grady to national recognition. I truly believe that without Mr Adger's leadership Grady would not be the school it is today.
C. T. Vivian High School	In honor of a life dedicated to improving the civil rights experience for all Americans
Midtown High School	The school is located in Midtown and is not taking its based on race. Also, it is politically neutral and pushes no agenda.
John Robert Lewis High School	John Lewis served as for 30years as US House Representative for the district in which the school is located
John Robert Lewis High School	Because John Lewis is an icon of the civil rights movement - the opposite of the current name holder. If the board approves of this name I would also suggest that the athletic teams be renamed "The Troublemakers". I'm serious!! I know that Congressman Lewis hasn't been dead for the required 5 years but think it worthy enough to consider and believe the board would approve unanimously.
Dr Thomas E Adger High School	I believe this name is noteworthy because Dr Adger was a great Principal..He cared about each and everyone of his students. Over the years as he moved from the school to an Educator Administrator I would see him from time to time at a grocery store or perhaps a restaurant he would always acknowledge me as his former student...Proud moments. He was a great human being...and an Awesome Educator.
Piedmont High School	It represents our location and the tie to Atlanta.
Shirley Franklin High school	She was a great mayor!
HENRY W GRADY	History
Greater Atlanta High School	It accurately describes our intown location and allows us to keep using our G logo!
Yolanda D King High School	Yolanda was a noted activist and actor. She was one of our very best alums and deserving of being so honored.
Invictus High	Its in the name
John Lewis	Because he stood for justice and the opposite of racism.
John Lewis High School	For all that he has done for the American people in regards to freedom, equality, and basic human rights. also, he was the 5th District Congressional Leader for Georgia in which Grady High School is that district.
J. Harold Shepherd High School	J. Harold Shepherd was a graduate of Boys High (which became Grady). He was a pillar of the Atlanta community, contributing greatly by starting Shepherd Construction which built thousands of miles of roads and starting Shepherd Center,



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	<p>serving those with neurological impairments from Atlanta, the state of Georgia, and the nation. The school should be honored to have J. Harold Shepherd as a graduate of the school and I think his name should be considered as the new name of school. A section of Peachtree Road is named in his honor. He passed away in December 2018</p> <p><a href="https://news.shepherd.org/shepherd-center-co-founder-j-harold-shepherd-passes-away/">https://news.shepherd.org/shepherd-center-co-founder-j-harold-shepherd-passes-away/</a></p>
John Lewis High School	In honor of civil rights icon John Lewis and as recognition of the great diversity of the student population of Grady High School
Lonnie C. King High School	Lonnie C. King (no relation to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) was the first Chairman of the Atlanta Student Movement, and was a pivotal youth leader in Atlanta that helped advance racial justice and desegregate Georgia public schools and universities, public facilities, and City Hall. Until the moment he passed away on March 5, 2019, he was active in youth civic engagement and urging young people to work together across racial differences. While Lonnie's passing was 18 months ago, the urgency of this moment in the national reckoning with its history of racial violence and our desires as a community to inspire young people to be active participants in the transformation of their world should take precedence over an arbitrary guideline of five years deceased.
King / Lewis High School	Represents two prominent and former leaders from Atlanta ... and those names fit with the present Mascot--Knights!
John Robert Lewis High	To honor the late John Lewis, civil rights activist, congressman from Atlanta.
John Robert Lewis High School	Named for John Lewis? No explanation necessary!
John R. Lewis Highschool	John Lewis is a civil rights icon that dedicated his life to creating equal opportunity for people of all backgrounds. The intrinsic value of a Lewis moniker self justifies the name. However, considering the current conversation on racial justice and the stark contrast between the legacy of Lewis and that of Grady, the Lewis name would take on even greater symbolic meaning.
Grady High School	Because that is the name of the school
Piedmont High School	<p>Simple, positive, familiar, and celebrates nature and the elevated geologic region -- the Georgia Piedmont -- on which we build our city and our futures.</p> <p>Easily accomodates imagery and iconography about the park and nature, greenery, trees. Fits with metaphors of growth, stability, renewal, and long-term thinking.</p>



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	And of course the school is across from Piedmont Park.
Midtown High School	Reflecting the location of the school
Just advice- don't name it for a person	Picking an individual is fraught with peril. In the end we all come up short; just ask Henry Grady.
Berl Boykin High School	Berl Boykin was a poet, author, journalist, actor, and long time Midtown resident most known as one of the first, out, post-Stonewall LGBTQ activists in Atlanta. Among his noteworthy accomplishments are co-founder of Atlanta's pride parade and its first marshal. Find out more about his life and what makes him a great candidate at this link to his obituary. <a href="https://www.projectq.us/atlanta/gay_atlanta_activist_pioneer_berl_boykin_dies_at_74">https://www.projectq.us/atlanta/gay_atlanta_activist_pioneer_berl_boykin_dies_at_74</a> More info about Mr. Boykin is available in his own words via the oral history project sponsored by Georgia State University and the LGBTQ project at the Human rights museum.
Alonzo Herndon	Born enslaved, Mr. Herndon was Atlanta's first Black millionaire. He had three barber shops in Atlanta, one on Peachtree, and he eventually opened a very successful life insurance company. His most well known barber shop and his life insurance company were located within Grady's school zone. I think it would be a great nod to him to name a school after him and bolster student entrepreneurship programming!
Midtown High School	The school is in the heart of midtown! Also, there are no other schools nearby that have this name.
Midtown High School	I believe that the new name for Grady High School should be Midtown High School. I think that having a geographic name for a school is a great way to avoid controversy as well as spark more school spirit in a way. Midtown Atlanta is such a great area to be in and I think many of the students of Grady are proud to live in and go to a school in such a diverse and cool area. Although there are students who go to Grady and don't live in Midtown, I think because the school itself is in Midtown, it is appropriate. I think this is also a better option over a historic figure because it avoids any controversy that could arise in the future because there will always be people who don't agree with certain historic figures.
Marian P. Kelly High School	The new name for Grady High School should be Marian P. Kelly High School, because of her relationship to the High School and her work and values. Marian Kelly was a teacher at Grady High School 9 years after the student body integrated, she was the first African American teacher at the school. She brought change to Grady and showed what it means to excel at being a teacher. In fact our school has the Marian P. Kelly Award, which honors teachers who are seen as most impactful by the graduating class. There are numerous accounts from staff and students showing



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	<p>appreciation for what she did for this school. At Grady High School we are determining how we deal with change and what values are important to the community and the people who go to this High School, Marian P. Kelly dealt extensively with change and she did it all while holding up her own values and being a role model for others.</p>
Ida B. Wells High School	<p>I strongly support Ida B. Wells as the name of our high school moving forward, because of her commitment to antiracist activism and her legacy as a journalist. Over fifty years before Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a segregated city bus, Wells was forcibly removed from the first-class train car after she refused to move to the car for African-Americans, and she sued the railroad, winning a \$500 settlement. Her advocacy didn't stop with train cars- she campaigned against segregation in schools, and after witnessing her friend brutally lynched, Wells embarked on an anti-lynching crusade during the 1890s. Despite constant death threats and being forced by an angry, white mob to leave the South, Wells continued to push for reforms against lynchings in the North. She was integral to the foundations of the NAACP, a key civil rights organization for BIPOC, by forming the National Association for Colored Women (NACW). Ida B. Wells is the ideal name for our school community, because her unwavering commitment to breaking down systems of oppression and white supremacy represents our student body's diversity and thirst for change. Additionally, her impeccable career as a brave, brilliant journalist will carry on our school's well-know communication legacy.</p>
Freedom High School	<p>The new name for Grady High School should in my opinion be Freedom High School. I know that this name has already been proposed but I believe it is the best name to push forward. There are many great names in Atlanta to celebrate that would potentially be worthy of naming our high school but given the circumstances, Freedom High School would be the best. Because the debate over the name change has been so contentious in the community an immediate change to another historical figure would inevitably lead to discontent and potential recycling of the current issue we are in now no matter how deserving this person is. Because of this, the name Freedom High School best embodies the totality of the spirit of Atlanta and as a school, we should represent that spirit. In order to reconcile the momentous accomplishments of civil rights icons in Atlanta if we end up remaining the school Freedom High School by changing the name of the C and E Wings to the C.T. Vivian Wing and the Ida B. Wells Wing. In conclusion, the name Freedom High School is the best option because of the circumstances around a name, the problematic past of a geographic name, and the spirit that the high school should embody.</p>
Jillian Serfozo	<p>Our history</p>
Ida B. Wells High School	<p>It makes sense, and is also fitting to name a school after a teacher who changed lives.</p>



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freedom high	I believe that Grady should change its name to a noun name, like Freedom High. First off, while I think the names of people on the list are worthy of naming our high school after, none of the people have that much of a connection to Grady. Thus, I think a name summing up what the civil-rights era people on the list stood for- like Freedom High- communicates the value more clearly. Secondly, the people on the list might get Henry Gradyed themselves- seen as heroes at present, only for something problematic enough to warrant an uproar in the future. It's safer to name a school after the value individuals stood for, so the value doesn't get lost in controversy. Third, value names aren't so neutral they're boring (Central Atlanta High, anyone?) Grady has a lot of personality in both the student body and the institution, and a name like Freedom High can adequately represent the whole school.
Central Atlanta	Grady High School was named after a racist man, Henry W. Grady, who stimulated the racial divide of Atlanta through economics and politics. Just as the article "Why do street names change", the deeply rooted racism in the names of streets was caused by segregation lines made by white people in power. The names as labels held power to actually divide races in Atlanta and cause a segregated city. Therefore, the name that replaced Grady must not have any racist connections in a city where even the neighborhoods that feed into the school were previously divided on such terms. Central Atlanta High School is a neutral, inclusive name, that does not further divide the student body. For example, Midtown High would leave out every student that does not live in Midtown, which is predominantly composed of the white washed neighborhoods made long ago. Midtown High is just as segregated as Grady because, similarly to the street names, the name only represented the mainly white population that lives in Midtown. Likewise, the name Piedmont High School would be using a geographical location that could have racist undertones because of where the park is located and the past racist ties with this area. Central Atlanta is a completely neutral name that does not have any ties to it and includes every student in the student body.
Midtown High	I think that the new name for Grady should be Midtown High. Although I do like the named Ida B. Wells high school, I feel as if some people would be offended if the school is named after a historical figure. A geographical name is more neutral and it leaves out a lot of controversy.
Ella Baker High School	I think Ella Baker High School is probably the best choice for the Grady High School name change. I feel like her legacy has been gaining more attention recently, and this would be a great way to shed more light on her story and her contributions to the Civil Rights Movement and today's society. Many of the other candidate names were inspiring, important people, but many of them may not have been in the positions they were in if not for the efforts of Ella Baker. She played major roles in three of the most well-known civil rights groups whose efforts helped propel black Americans



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	<p>towards justice and equality. I prefer Ella Baker to many of the geography or idealistic names because, while the latter may be less controversial, it is important for us to recognize the people who helped build a better, more diverse community that we now live in. I think that choosing a name for the purposes of “getting it over with” or “keeping tensions low” is the easy way out and damages our school community in the long run.</p>
Midtown High school	<p>I think the new name of Grady High school should be Midtown Atlanta. I have heard from a lot of people that this would be their choice as well. Midtown has the highest density of art and cultural institutions in the southeast, and it attracts more than 6 million visitors annually. The meaning of Midtown can be defined as the midway between Downtown and Buckhead. Many community members are working on improving the quality of life in Midtown making it an ideal living space for residents and visitors. This name is leading because it shows the place geographically rather than something or someone of history that could cause a much controversy. People can still argue that the name Midtown high has some of the same controversial meanings behind our present name Henry Grady High school. The question of whether we should change Grady high school’s name is a yes, but whether or not we should change it to Midtown High should still be in the question. I say this because changing our name is a difficult and controversial subject, we want to choose something that suits and represents the students, faculty, parents, and overall meaning of our high school. Something we won’t want to change again say five years later.</p>
Freedom High School	<p>In my opinion, a high school name should have a great meaning behind it. Freedom; to have the right to do, think as you wish without any resistance. Atlanta has played a major role in fighting for the rights of many people. Throughout Atlanta’s history, we could see a pattern of fighting for freedom. If we name the school Freedom High School it will be absolutely noncontroversial. In addition, it will have great meaning behind it. Freedom is different things to different people. Some might think the name pertains to the fact that MLK was born in Atlanta, and had his first talks and gatherings here. Others might say that the name Freedom High School pertains to the fact that Atlanta was a major breakpoint in the American civil war.</p>
Midtown High School	<p>because it is less controversial and it is based on a geographic location and the heart of Atlanta.</p>
golden frinks	<p>I feel like the name should be changed to either Golden Frinks high school or Ida B Wells high school. I believe that you have enough info on Ida B Wells so I will be mainly talking about Golden Frinks. Golden Frinks was a civil rights leader during the 1960s. He was basically the main civil rights organizer in South Carolina and organized protests in Georgia also (from what I read). He got into civil rights after fighting in WW2. He fought for African American rights. His name was the great agitator because he went to jail 87 times throughout his civil rights career. Frinks</p>



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	<p>had seen bad things and protested. when the trash companies would not collect African Americans trash, he organized a protest. a segregated theatre? protested . he changed the south for the better and I believe he should be remembered . another reason is because he is kind of not represented. I checked and there are no Golden Frinks high school, elementary school or college. he is so under represented autocorrect even sees it as a misspelling. another reason is because of Grady itself Grady is just an easy name to remember like Inman na many other schools. I feel like high schools should be an easy name to remember and whats hard about golden highschool? I mean not only is it a cool name but it has a backstory behind it to. I feel like he deserves a better rap around his name because he, like many others, held peaceful protests making the south how it is today. ida b wells was also a VERY inportant and influential African American woman, but there are already 3 high schools named after her. Grady has such a diverse group of kids why don't we make the name different. ida b wells legacy will never be undone, lets bring to light someone who I believe got kind of got kicked out of the spotlight where he deserved to go.</p>
<p>Courageous Warrior High</p>	<p>It shows strength in us as a whole. Also how Brave we are to stand up for whats right.</p>
<p>Ida B. Wells High School</p>	<p>Ida B. Wells has become a great contender for the new face of this school. We honor the strong impression that Grady left on journalism, but Wells arguably left a better and more inclusive impact. Wells was the co-owner and editor of the Memphis Free Speech and Headlight newspaper. Using this newspaper as a platform, she fought as an anti-lynching activist and often attended such lynchings to gather information for her articles. She put speaking the truth before her own life in hopes of making a better and more inclusive tomorrow. Wells also thrived in her career as an investigative journalist which revealed her brave and selfless nature. The fact that Wells had all the cards against her in that time (being a strong, outspoken, and black woman in America) she still pushed forward to get equal rights for her people. This is a sacrifice that we could all come to appreciate and look up to. Above all, this activist is the brave and inclusive person that could accurately represent who we are today.</p>
<p>Thomas Adger High School</p>	<p>The name of the school should be renamed to Thomas Adger High School. The reasonings for that is because Adger had confidence in the school that the community had lost in the school. He created programs and expanded the courses that the school had to offer for both the students and the future generations. Teachers were hired by Adger and even they created programs or courses for students, even a debate team was created by Adgar that came in second place making Adger excited about it. Adger even was immersed with the student body by being there and being in student's personal lives through either adding classes or extracurricular activities. He was even there when students needed help or support.</p>





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	When Adger left Grady, he left behind a legacy for the school to follow and that is why the school should be renamed to Thomas Adger High School.
Midtown High	Because it is easy for people to identify with.
Ida. B Wells	She fought for African American equality, especially for women.
Piedmont High School	The new name for Grady High School should be Piedmont High School. The school is located across the street from Piedmont Park. Piedmont Park has served as an athletic center for the city. Piedmont Park is very accepting of everyone and they have events such as Atlanta Pride Festival, the Atlanta Jazz Festival, the Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Music Midtown, Atlanta Black Pride, and Festival Peachtree Latino. This is why I think Grady High School's name should be changed to Piedmont High School.
Jack Borse	Freedom High
Piedmont High School	Grady High School should be renamed to Piedmont high school for many different reasons . It should be named this because piedmont is one of the biggest parks in atlanta and it allows anyone of any skin color to come and enjoy themselves and have fun. I think grady is a school where anyone of any color can come and spread their wings. I think piedmont park represents that because you see so many different races doing a lot of different things enjoying themselves. That being stated I think changing grady to Piedmont Highschool would be the perfect fit.
Midtown High School	Henry W. Grady High School is a place known for its diversity and progressiveness, but it retains an outdated and racist name – it is beyond time for a change. There is no better name for our school than Midtown High School. Midtown is a historic district that has evolved drastically over more than a century, and today has the highest density of art and cultural institutions in the southeast. Grady is a school that excels in the arts, as anyone that has seen a Grady musical can attest. Our students paint murals on the beltline and learn to sketch in Piedmont Park. Although every student in our district may not live in midtown, we all share the experiences and opportunities that attending the only public high school in midtown allows. Almost every Grady student can recall fond memories of lazy afternoons in Piedmont Park, or meandering strolls to Ponce City Market, or meals with friends at Cookout and Woody's. These activities are Grady staples, and each and every one involves iconic aspects of midtown.
Ida B. Wells High School	Grady's name should be changed to Ida B Wells High School. This is due to a plethora of reasons, but it goes down for me because she lived around the same time as Grady, and was completely different in a better way. Ida B Wells was born in 1862 as a black slave, while Henry W Grady was born in 1850 to a successful white merchant who fought for the Confederates. This shows the strict contrast between the two. Henry W Grady spoke for the New South and constantly advocated that the



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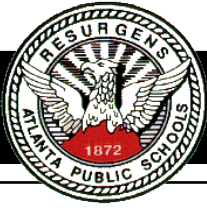
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	white race was superior to every other race. Ida B Wells on the other hand wrote about racism and how it was unfair against African Americans.
John Lewis	because i believe we need a school that's more related to the area
Grady High School	I believe this name is noteworthy because it's a formal basic name that fits the school due to the fact the school is located right in the area of Midtown.
Midtown High School /Piedmont Park HS	<p>When I first moved to Atlanta I was super excited to go to a school named Grady. The school itself of course, but more so just the idea of going to a school named Grady. I didn't know what it was about it, I knew nothing about the origin of the name and really nothing about the school either. I went on to love saying the name whenever someone asked me what school I went to and saying the full name, like you would when someone's in trouble, whenever it upset me in some way.</p> <p>Somewhere down the line I was informed of what the name Henry W. Grady really meant. Henry W. Grady was a successful journalist and orator in the mid to late 19th century, and he heavily encouraged the South's industrialization after the civil war. He was also a white supremacist and used his platform to further that agenda.</p> <p>Through my couple of months hearing about this issue I've heard some people use the argument that we shouldn't change the name at all; 'Sure, Henry W. Grady was a bad guy by today's standards, but back then he was pretty alright' was the main argument for keeping the school. Being honest, the concept of the school being renamed is bittersweet in a nostalgic way, even for someone who has only gone to school there a year. I can't begin to imagine what a loss that would be in simple terms for someone who has an even deeper connection to the school. I could go on thinking this and oppose the change of the name right? I also can't imagine what it's like for someone who is the target of white supremacist ideals going to a school named after someone who wouldn't want them going to school there in the first place. That being said, hopefully having been clear, I'd say the better option in my opinion is changing the name to Beloved Community High school. The reason for this is because the word beloved itself has such a positive connotation and would embrace the good parts of going to Grady. On top of this, it's neutral in terms of stigma that a geographical name and a historical name could have in the long run.</p> <p>Dr.King and his counterparts significantly changed and redefined what beloved meant during their very profound movements and I believe that this is very relevant to the conversation we have going on.Under their context, it was a welcoming place that gave way for all people, regardless of color and poverty, leaving no room for discrimination and segregation. I think that definition in itself sticks it to people who supported Henry W Grady without putting a different name in the mix. As much as many historical figures in the list definitely were martyrs and I can't personally see them part of this same debate years from now (Ida B Wells for instance), I believe getting a name approved would be a difficult feat because of differing opinions of people in the first place. Many different factors would go into it whereas the word</p>



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	beloved is very simple and has plenty of nuance. For a while I felt saddened to say goodbye to referring to Grady as Grady to anyone that asked, but then I realized that what makes Grady what it is its student body, not its name. It's student body is exactly what we should be doing this for in fact. I think Beloved Community School won't let the legacy die, except for the one legacy that does need to die: a racist name shadowing such a diverse school.
Midtown High School	I believe it is noteworthy because it has an influence on Grady High School
W. B. DeBois High School	The reason why Grady High School should be named after Ida b. Wells because she strived for equality and fairness for african americans. Not only did she do that , but she also was a big part in black history in the United states. Henry Grady supported white supremacy and he had the belief that black people were less than white people. Henry Grady's beliefs don't represent what the school stands for now. Grady high school has become one of the best schools in Atlanta , so why not have a great school with a great name.
John Lewis High School	Because it represent us the people and what we believe in which is freedom and equality for all.
Atlanta Intelligence Mission	Ida Bell Wells-Barnett was an American investigative journalist, educator, and an early leader in the civil rights movement. She was one of the founders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
Piedmont High School	John Lewis is a genuine American hero and moral leader. He has dedicated his life to building The Beloved Community.
Atlanta Intelligence Mission	<p>Please do not remove the name Grady. Grady High School is synonymous with good things. Grady means a diverse student population, excellence in many athletics, high academic rankings, student activism, incredible theatre and art programs, and so much more. Removing the name Grady would mean the new school name would only ever be “the school that used to be Grady.”</p> <p>While Henry Grady's 19th century views are unacceptable, when people hear “Grady High School,” they think of the vibrant intown high school next to the park, not the man. Atlanta's history is full of tragedy and injustice, but there is also plenty of good Atlanta history to celebrate. When people hear Grady, like it or not, they hear Atlanta. Grady High School is a microcosm of Atlanta, and synonymous with what is good in our city.</p> <p>A school name change cannot rewrite history. But it WILL mean confusion and more challenges for students, faculty, and staff. My daughter is a Grady student, and her education has been affected by major building construction and/or a principal change</p>



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	<p>at all three of her APS schools since Kindergarten. This name change would be an additional challenge for families like mine who have had to deal with constant change at APS. Grady administration and teachers – as well as students, parents, and caregivers- have enough on their plates including the renovation, dealing with COVID19, ensuring student safety, and learning.</p> <p>Please carefully weigh the effects of this decision. Please keep the name Grady.</p>
Thomas Adger High School	It names the school based upon its location and takes away any political issues that may arise in the future by naming the school after someone
Dr. Thomas E. Adger	This name reflects and honors the neighborhood in which the school has always been located. It doesn't honor one specific person, but all the people who made and continue to make that community diverse and welcoming.
Sherina Aqeel	DeBois held progressive ideas and had Atlanta connections.
<p>Forget my email....I have decided that I don't give a hoot what name you give Grady. I graduated from Grady High School and no one can change that. My memories are still wonderful. It will be a big mistake by stupid jerks. Don't do it. Carole Katz Norman 1959 Graduate</p>	<p>Mr. Lewis is the hallmark of civil rights. He has consistently been on the right side of history. He is Atlanta! We won't find out 50 years from now that he violated an entire population. I attach my thoughts on the fact that the name needs to be changed, I'm very open on what the new name is -</p> <p>I am the mama to three little black boys who will attend Mary Lin and Howard Middle. They are 11, 8 and 5. This summer has been an awakening for them. Instead of being enthralled with the magic of childhood we have had to have difficult conversations. The good news is they are surrounded with people who love them who don't look like them. Their friends are sweet children who are being raised by good people. I pray their generation is the one who kills racism. It would be a supportive environment for them to thrive if they didn't have to attend a school that honors a racist who spent his time and talents promoting the new south where white supremacy reigns supreme. My children are exceptional students and athletes, I'm certain they will be a treasure for their future high school. I don't want them to have to bear his name on his jersey, t-shirt, or speech debate team. We can't change Grady's history. He was who he was. We can't argue or write him to the right side of history. He doesn't deserve to be honored as he has been all these years. I read Cary King's thoughts AJC article published on July 2, 2020 regarding the fact that Grady wasn't "all good or all bad." I submit to you that he was bad enough. His thought process and influence pushed progress back years. He influenced people to keep black people inferior. These teachings don't go away in one generation. Contrary to Cary King's thoughts, college counselors and admission staff will make a very easy transition to recognize the Atlanta high school formally known as Grady. I was an admission's counselor for Kent State University in Ohio before I came to Atlanta to attend Emory Law School. We did our research and a name change never slowed us down. Cary King states in the that "times were different then." Yes, times</p>



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	<p>were different and Grady chose the wrong side of time. He could've used his talents to advocate for equality and love amongst the human race, like Martin Luther King did, as he too lived in "different times." We are now in 2020, and THIS is a different time. It is time to stop paying homage to people who didn't pay homage to all people. They do not deserve to be honored. All the students, not just the black ones, do not deserve to be disrespected by walking the halls of their school by such a divisive name. Instead they deserved to be honored and inclusive. I have heard two students speak and I with them, vote for change. It has been a long time coming, but like Martin Luther King said, it is always the right time to do what's right. I hope the committee makes the right decision to change the name of Grady High School. Thank you.</p>
<p>Dr. Thomas E. Adger, Jr.</p>	<p>1: It is neutral; no political affiliations, no ties to (potentially) controversial people, places, or things.</p> <p>2: We are talking about a school. Intelligence should be a vital part of every school's mission.</p> <p>3: Atlanta Intelligence Mission's initials are AIM. AIM High School. AIM High. Aim High. A very appropriate motto, if you ask me.</p> <p>Will suggested names be released to the public? I am quite curious to see how this name is received.</p>
<p>Dr. Thomas Adger, former principal</p>	<p>The school is adjacent to one of the great parks in Atlanta, Piedmont Park. Atlanta is in the piedmont region of GA. Because the name is affiliated with the nearby park, it brings up images of green and growing things, open space, exploration and discovery.</p>
<p>Piedmont Park High School</p>	<p>1: It is neutral; no political affiliations, no ties to (potentially) controversial people, places, or things.</p> <p>2: We are talking about a school. Intelligence should be a vital part of every school's mission.</p> <p>3: Atlanta Intelligence Mission's initials are AIM. AIM High School. AIM High. Aim High. A very appropriate motto, if you ask me.</p> <p>Will suggested names be released to the public? I am quite curious to see how this name is received.</p> <p>***I am resubmitting to include my affiliation.</p>



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Xernona Clayton High School	Dr. Adger was a beloved and highly respected principal of Grady High School - by both staff and students. He as an honorable man, a fair man and an outstanding principal. Renaming Grady High School after Dr. Adger would be an excellent commemoration of his leadership and legacy at Grady High School.
Midtown Atlanta High School	I stand in support of the initiative proposed by Riki Bolster and Naomi Grishman to rename Grady High School after former principal Dr. Thomas Adger.
Xernona Clayton High School	Too old to remember a new name
Reed High School	Forget my email....I have decided that I don't give a hoot what name you give Grady. I graduated from Grady High School and no one can change that. My memories are still wonderful. It will be a big mistake by stupid jerks. Don't do it.
Thomas Adger High School.	I was an early president of the Council of Intown Neighborhoods and Schools, and was continually impressed by Dr. Adger's gentle, assertive, and persistent ways. Dr. Adger always attended the monthly CINS meeting. Over and over he would say that Grady could only be as "good" as the schools that came before it, and it was our job to speak out for all the schools in the CINS Cluster. Every student was important. He was an outstanding educator, community communicator, and set high standards for all of us—students, parents, and community members.