



February 6, 2020

Dear Friends & Supporters of Hollis,

As we begin our second semester, excitement is building as we prepare to celebrate the Class of 2020, **the first 8th grade graduating class in our school's history!** Upon completion of their high school education, these students will be **Washington High School's Centennial Class** in 2024.

To celebrate this significant moment in history, the current 8th grade classes of Hollis Innovation Academy and Brown Middle School will come together to participate in a ceremonial walk along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Booker T. Washington High School as a symbolic rite of passage. Their arrival to Washington High School symbolizes a shift in our history and progress of our city.

Established in 1924, Washington High School became the first high school to provide a free, public education for African Americans in the Southeast, and is the beloved alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who was a proud resident of Atlanta's Historic Westside neighborhoods.

We invite BTW alumni, community members, and business leaders to join us on **Friday, April 3 at 10:00 AM** to support this special group of students. We would love your help with enthusiastically cheering them on as they unite and take their walk to the historic Booker T. Washington High School! Please plan to show Bulldog pride by wearing royal blue and white!

For your convenience, please find an itinerary of the day's events, along with flyers to distribute and/or display in your places of business if you'd like.

We truly hope you will make plans to be a part of this memorable experience!

Sincerely,

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2020

Legacy Walk

The Booker T. Washington Cluster principals and alumni recognize the importance of community. Our cluster motto is “**One Cluster, One Family!**” Therefore, we would like to invite our community, parents, and business partners to come out and cheer on the centennial class, loving called “**The Legacy Class**” as they walk to Washington.

Logistics

- Name of Event:** Legacy Walk
- Event Date:** Friday, April 3, 2020
(Booker T. Washington’s birthday is on Sunday, April 5)
- Attire:** Students in various auxiliaries such as cheer, band, or football will wear their school uniforms. All other students will wear their school shirt. Students will be provided their 1st BTW shirt after pinning.
- Parade Route:** 9:45 – 11:00 AM
- 9:45 AM** Walmart Parking Lot: 8th grade students from Brown Middle School and Hollis Innovation Academy will meet in the parking lot of Walmart. They will exit the main parking lot entrance across from the old Paschal’s.
- The interception of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and James P. Brawley Drive NW to Ollie and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Beckwith and Whitehouse Drive, and Mitchell Street and Whitehouse Drive must be closed to allow students to pass.
- 10:00 – 10:20 AM** Students and staff from Brown Middle School and Hollis Innovation Academy will walk down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and turn left on Whitehouse Drive.
- 10:20 – 10:30 AM** Photo of 8th Grade Class on Booker T. Washington High School steps
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** Students and guests are ushered into Washington Gym
- 11:00 AM** Streets are reopened
- 11:55 AM** Buses arrive on Whitehouse Drive to pick up Brown and Hollis students