



Hollis Innovation Academy

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Students on Atlanta's Westside Prepare to Make History

Students at two of Atlanta's Westside schools will participate in ceremonial walk along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to commemorate status as Washington High School's Centennial Class.

ATLANTA - April 3, 2020 – Current 8th grade students of Hollis Innovation Academy and J.E. Brown Middle School are preparing to begin their high school education at the historic Washington High School in the fall of 2020, as the class of 2024 and Washington's Centennial Class.

To celebrate this significant moment in history, these students—affectionately known as “The Legacy Class”—will participate in a ceremonial walk along Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to Booker T. Washington High School as a symbolic rite of passage. Corporate partners, community members, and business leaders are invited to attend the event that will temporarily close surrounding streets in the area.

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

[Legacy Walk](#)

Friday, April 3, 2020

10:00 AM

835 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive NW • Atlanta, GA 30314

(Walk is between Walmart and Whitehouse Drive)

• tinyurl.com/WashingtonLegacyWalk2020 •

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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.

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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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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 1 st BTW shirt after pinning.
Parade Route:	9:45 – 11:00 AM
9:45 AM	Walmart Parking Lot: 8 th 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 8 th 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

The Community is Invited!



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Come line the street and cheer on the 8th grade students of Brown Middle School and Hollis Innovation Academy during their ceremonial walk to Booker T. Washington High School!

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Centennial Class!



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#LegacyWalk2020

