

QUEEN VICTORIA Public School

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Dear Families,

Throughout this school year, we have been engaging in a process to rename Queen Victoria Public School.

The School Renaming Committee has received dozens of submissions from students, parents, staff and local residents. Thank you for participating in the process to rename Queen Victoria Public School.

Engaging in a process to rename a school is an acknowledgement of the need to reimagine the relationship between the school and the community. It considers both the historical and present-day significance of both the people and the space where the school resides.

This process is occurring at a time when there is a broader societal shift towards honouring the importance of "naming" spaces that represent Indigenous, Black or racialized leaders, and its association to The Land and Indigenous histories. Please read the approved motion for <u>Renaming Schools</u> Celebrating the Diversity of Toronto.

At this time, the renaming committee has shortlisted the following names:

- Dr. Anderson Ruffin Abbott
- Dr. Rita Cox
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Michelle Obama
- Minogi It Grows Well

We invite you to a virtual town hall meeting on February 24, 2022 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to hear more about the shortlisted names. In addition, if you would like to speak at the town hall to advocate for the selection of one of the five shortlisted names, please fill out this form (https://bit.ly/QVTownHall) before February 22, 2022 at noon.

For more information on the process of renaming Queen Victoria PS, please visit our <u>website</u> (https://bit.ly/QVRenaming). If you have additional feedback, please email gypsrenaming@tdsb.on.ca

Sincerely,

Debbie Donsky Superintendent Darlene Jones Principal