



Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

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June 24, 2019

Dr. Lewis D. Ferebee
Chancellor
DC Public Schools
1200 First St NE
Washington DC 20002

RE: ANC 4B support for naming the new north middle school Ida B. Wells Middle School

Dear Chancellor:

At its regularly scheduled, properly noticed meeting on January 24, 2019, with a quorum of 8 Commissioners present (a quorum is 5 of 9 Commissioners), Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 4B voted 8 yea and 0 nay to support the naming of the new north middle school to Ida B. Wells Middle School in honor of Ms. Well's legacy.

Ida B. Wells was an iconic African-American investigative journalist, civil rights activist, educator, and researcher. As a lifelong fighter for justice, she dedicated much of her career to investigating and reporting the truth about the brutality of lynching and the disgraceful conditions of black-only schools in the United States. She fought against discriminatory hiring and was an advocate for women's suffrage. As you yourself noted, Ida B. Wells Middle School will be DCPS' only current standalone middle school named after an African-American woman. ANC 4B agrees that this is an important milestone for DCPS.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brenda Parks
Chair
Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4B

cc: Councilmember Brandon Todd