


COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM: Chairman Phil Mendelson 

DATE: November 10, 2021

RE: **Request to Place Emergency Measure on the Agenda for the November 16, 2021 Additional Legislative Meeting**

The following measures are placed on the agenda for the November 16, 2021 Legislative Meeting:

- **John Lewis Elementary School Designation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2021**
- **John Lewis Elementary School Designation Emergency Act of 2021**

The purpose of the designation is to officially designate the school in Lot 0814 in Square 2806, at 1335 Farragut Place NW as John Lewis Elementary School. After collaborating with students, parents, and community members, the District of Columbia Public Schools found it most fitting to re-designate West Elementary School as John Lewis Elementary School. The new designation will honor the late Mr. John Lewis, who was a civil rights activist and who served in the United States House of Representatives for Georgia's 5th congressional district from 1987 until his death in 2020.

Permanent legislation to effect the official designation is scheduled for second reading on November 16, 2021. Enacting the legislation on an emergency basis will make the official designation effective sooner than congressional review.

Draft copies of the measures are attached. Please call me or LeKisha Jordan if you have any questions at (202) 724-8137.

cc: Members, Council of the District of Columbia
Office of the Secretary
Office of the General Counsel
Office of the Budget Director