

**RESOLUTION**

**NO. R-25-581**

**CITY HALL: November 20, 2025**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBERS THOMAS AND GREEN**

**A RESOLUTION** Urging NOLA Public Schools (NOLA-PS) to preserve the historic and legacy names of public schools in New Orleans despite current financial challenges or threatened school closures.

**WHEREAS**, the public schools of New Orleans have long stood as cornerstones of community life, with their names carrying deep meaning and history for generations of families across the city; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the schools within the NOLA-PS system bear names that honor local educators, civil rights leaders, cultural pioneers, and civic figures who embodied the values of excellence, equality, and service to community; and

**WHEREAS**, these legacy names represent more than educational institutions; they are symbols of pride, perseverance, and neighborhood identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the NOLA-PS system now faces difficult financial and enrollment realities that could lead to consolidation or closure of schools that carry these historic names; and

**WHEREAS**, while fiscal responsibility and quality education must remain top priorities, the preservation of legacy school names is a vital, low-cost measure to sustain the spirit and story of New Orleans' neighborhoods—especially in communities that have fought hardest to rebuild and remain connected since Hurricane Katrina; and

**WHEREAS**, changing or erasing these names risks erasing the living history of the city's public education system, and the sacrifices and successes of those who came before; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining legacy names—regardless of a school’s operational status—reflects respect for community identity and affirms the City’s shared commitment to honor its past while building its future; **NOW THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the New Orleans City Council does hereby urge NOLA-PS to take all reasonable measures to preserve the historic and legacy names of New Orleans public schools, even in cases of financial hardship, school closure, or campus reorganization; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the Council encourages the School Board to convene a Legacy Schools Working Group—comprising alumni, neighborhood leaders, educators, and historians—to establish a clear and transparent policy for protecting, memorializing, or transferring historic school names when operational changes occur; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the Clerk of Council shall transmit certified copies of this resolution to the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Fateama Fulmore, and each member of the NOLA -PS Board to include: Katherine Baudouin, Leila Jacobs Eames, Gabriela Biro, Olin G. Parker, KaTrina Chantelle Griffin, Carlos Luis Zervigon, and Nolan Marshall, Jr.

**THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, THE RESULT WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.**