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Dr. Kevin M. Maxwell
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Dr. Maxwell:

It was with great pride that the members of the Prince George's County Council joined with the Curry family, County staff, and residents, to dedicate the Largo administration building as the Wayne K. Curry Administration Building in December of last year. We are encouraged that the legacy of Mr. Curry will live on with generations of future Prince Georgians as they interact with their government officials in the building which honors his name.

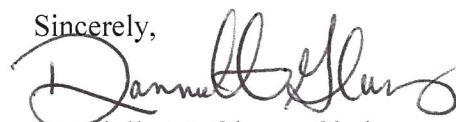
For our Prince George's County Public School (PGCPS) students, teachers, and families, a school name is not just words on letterhead or on the side of the building. The name of a school becomes part of who they are, part of their identity as a student and an alumnus. A school name can be a source of great pride and inspiration. For example, the students at Thurgood Marshall Middle School, those at Cesar Chavez Dual Language Spanish Immersion, and those at Barack Obama Elementary will learn about and research their schools' namesakes. They will wear their school spirit attire with pride.

However, the legacy of some other school namesakes may not serve as appropriate role models. The Council understands that PGCPS has been reviewing school names Countywide and encourages that this review concludes promptly.

Particularly, the County Council was reminded during a Black History Month presentation that DuVal High School is named in honor of Gabriel DuVal. While Mr. DuVal held numerous positions in government, including serving as an associate justice on the United States Supreme Court, he and his family owned a slave plantation. While we do not recommend erasing our past as it is crucial that all residents of Prince George's County learn and understand our County's history and our nation's history, it is more than questionable that we have a high school named after a slaveholder.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,



Dannielle M. Glaros, Chair

