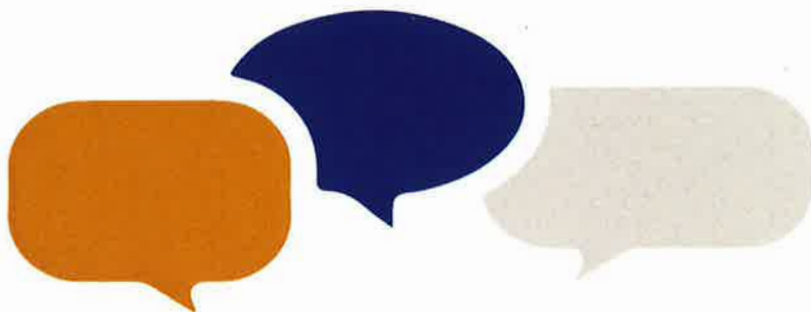


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JAY JAY

Jay Jay



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I'm glad to see that many people support fighting the historical wrong of segregation by renaming this school. You wouldn't want a school named after George [redacted] — why would you want one named after George Jay?

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Lets use this as an opportunity to educate our students about the past, not hide the past.

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Above all else I support this conversation and acknowledgement. If our community of parents, teachers and staff, and community members from diverse backgrounds and cultures discuss this together we can align the message we want to ~~send~~ share with our children / students. ~~None~~ Personally, I feel very strongly that a Tekewengen name →

would be a wonderful choice, with the ~~agreement~~ support of  
members of the Songhees & Esquimalt First Nations. (and collaboration  
from the very beginning)  
Our children learn and grow on Lekwungen territory, and a name  
in the language that was born on this land and continues here  
today would be an everyday acknowledgement and celebration  
of place, people and ongoing learning community.

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FOR SIMILAR REASONS, OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
i.e. ESQUIMALT SHOULD RENAME DUNSMUIR ST.,  
VICTORIA SHOULD RENAME TRUTCH ST & THE  
NEWLY NAMED PETER POLLEN PARK SHOULD BE  
CHANGED AS HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT JAPANESE  
CANADIANS HAD ENGAGED IN ACTS OF SABOTAGE WHEN  
THE ISSUE OF APOLOGIZING TO THEM FOR (SEE BACK)

THEIR WORLD WAR II INTERNMENT WAS FIRST  
RAISED. HIS OPINION WAS TOTALLY UNSUPPORTED  
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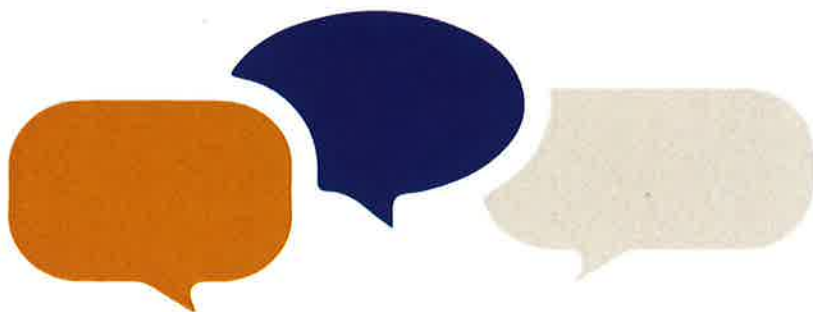
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"George Jay" demonstrated "a segregationist approach."

"Segregationist" is a euphemism for "racist". Why should a school that emphasizes diversity and "positive change" be named after a racist?

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Any other comments?

Not necessary. Let's spend our time & energy towards another kind of reconciliation.  
Our school is an incredible place no matter who it's named after.

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So much history at the school and with the name.

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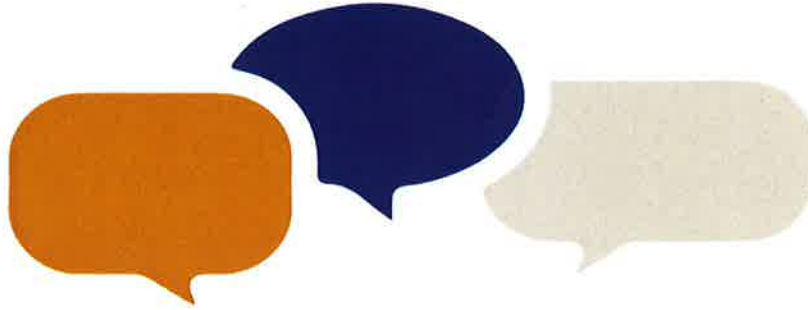
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Any other comments?

No thanks! This school is so much more than a name!

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Any other comments?

This school is a piece of history just like so many other places in Victoria. What was going on back then was a sign of the times. We have grown ~~so much~~ a lot since then. We work hard to make it an accepting & understanding place for all. Let's focus on things that are more

important like the children!!



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**Any other comments?**

George Jay's segregationist policy affected generations of Chinese Canadians decades after his policy was enacted and was a big part of the gentrification of the neighbourhood.

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Any other comments?

Princess Ave.? Maybe

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IF WE TAKE THE SD61 MISSION STATEMENT AT FACE VALUE, IT SEEMS CLEAR: NAMING A MULTICULTURAL, DIVERSE, INQUIRY-SCHOOL AFFIRM A SECREATIONIST IS A BAD MOVE. WE OWE IT TO OUR STUDENTS, KIDS & COMMUNITY TO CHANGE THE NAME.

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Any other comments?

*George Jay was an outstanding man who contributed much to his community. We can only guess what the society was*

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→ this issue has very little relevance to my child's education.  
(Grade █ @ G Jay.) I expect it will be quite expensive to  
do. IF you, SD61, go ahead with a name change, I'd  
like to see the children involved in the process. Here's  
why we're ~~renaming~~ renaming. And for children to participate  
in some <sup>fund raising</sup> activities around it.

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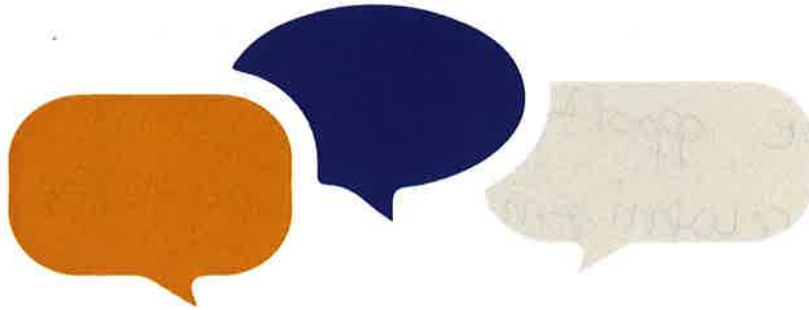
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- I support continued acknowledgement of who G.  
Jay was, possibly in public way at the school.

Any other comments?

For certain: Most staff (certainly established staff) do not  
support the change. For certain: the PAC president was  
asked not to speak on behalf of parents (at Sept PAC mtg.)  
but proceeded to speak at SD61 mtg as president of PAC.  
That said, I am very pleased to see the history of the school's  
namesake being presented. Whether the name change is  
realized, there is real benefit to that. I suspect that →

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### Any other comments?

my children (4@the school) do NOT support changing the name of the school -  
My son the other night was worrying about a "mistake" he made a year ago - His comment was - I worry that if I do something wrong even if I do lots of things right, people will hate me and won't want to remember me or →

be my friends.... Just like it's happening at George Jay even if he made mistakes that is all people are remembering of him

I think we are teaching children the wrong messages we are in a culture of "erasure" instead of using these opportunities for teaching, remembering the past, recognizing our mistakes and celebrating the progress we have made, we just think we can "erase" our past. I am proud of the

School George Jay, where it is right now. When I say the ~~name~~ I think about our wonderful community not the man. But remembering the man can be an opportunity for teaching.

In addition, the cost alone associated with changing the name + consultation should be used for the services that the school needs!  
Let's focus on the children of today!

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Any other comments?

Renaming the school aligns w/ the mission & values of SD 61. For the school to be a safe & inclusive learning community for all students & their families, the historical



racism that is represented by the name & actions of George Jay.

I believe that the school district also has a responsibility to show leadership & uphold their value of social responsibility & justice. Renaming the school offers a fantastic opportunity to do this as well as an educational opportunity for students.

This school is one of the most culturally diverse schools in the district. If the board chooses to not change the name, they are sending a message to families that ~~the~~ historical wrongs don't

matter

The last opportunity that I want to highlight is the opportunity to give the school an indigenous name which

would align w/ the district's goals for reconciliation

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Any other comments?

*I think we can focus on more important issues.*

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### Any other comments?

I originally had the opinion that there was no need to change the school name. However, after I read about the actions taken by George Jay against Asian students, and in particular, the enforced eviction from the school and rounding up of Chinese students, I changed my mind. George Jay is a wonderfully diverse, accepting and inclusive community.

I would like a name for the school that reflects the school and community's current values.

The name change is not a rejection of the past or our city's history but rather an affirmation of our city's future and its vision.

Without change, as a person of Asian heritage I would not have been permitted

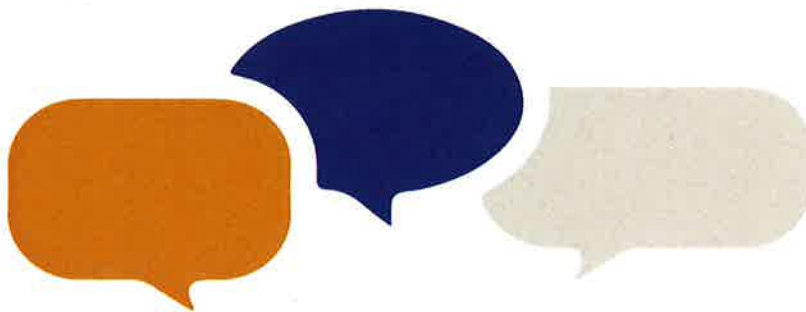
to:

- vote
- own property
- work for government
- work in my chosen profession.

Change can be a very positive thing!

I fully support the motion to change the name of George Jay school.

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We should stop mining the past looking for the faults of those who went before us.

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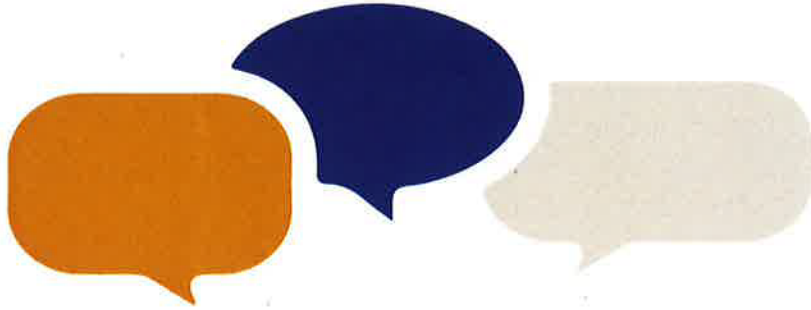
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Any other comments?

— public + families are concerned about where the money for name change may come from.

— kids like to identify as "jays" suggestions have been to have mascot of "stellar's jays" - or - how to transition kids so it is a positive experience?

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I rilly don't want the name George Jay.



the school to keep



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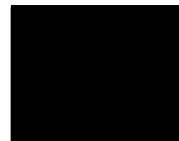
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george is ~~no~~ Jay is bad and the school is not!

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I would like the logo to stay the same & perhaps keep it to the Jay in it in reference to the bird. I don't agree w/ the things George Jay ~~he~~ did but I feel like our history is full of names of people who are not to be idolized.

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→ CONTINUATION FROM PRIOR COMMENTS

Any other comments?

"Jay" 's bird is currently the mascot of George Jay - it is a beautiful first notion inspired drawing that would be lost if the name were to change → this also would be a shame - Regardless of the decision I think →

the "Joy" part + the mascot should be  
saved -

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### Any other comments?

Please give an appropriate new name to George Jay School as soon as possible. Honouring George Jay is like we are still condoning racism. This is the 21st century. Over

Racism is still alive + growing. Eg. some of the refugees around the world were destroyed, just because they seek refuge in another country.

Civil Rights say we are all born equal in the eyes of The Good Lord.

How many more centuries do we have to wait for equality to happen ???  
(colour people)

Renaming George Jay School is a small step to eradicate racism, but it will help us a great deal. It will show that some people in our society care + have compassion + kindness for us. It will give us a feeling of belonging + hope in our society as whole.

We are in dire need of having School District 61 changing the school's name. I am speaking on behalf of ③ friends + myself who went to this school as a child. We all suffered racial slurs immensely. To this day we are all still tormented.

any change is a change for the better + we deserve to have it changed. Thank you

God Bless.



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Other : I ~~do~~ do not support until costing and who fiscal responsibility determine.  
Any other comments?

① While I support the renaming of George Jay, I am concerned about the cost to do so. As a parent of two children at the school, I've seen firsthand the impact of increased student enrollment at the school. Although the recent boundary changes will address this, the school has significant pressures that negatively impact the student and staff. Lack of space, loss of flex rooms (art, music, parent resources)

③ → Should you ~~change~~ change names, could it be "Jay Elementary"? That might ~~simplify~~ simplify the name change and keep the First Nations art that adorn the school and uniforms (the Jay drawing). From a social justice perspective, I support the change but please ~~don't~~ do your research before ~~that~~ potentially taking funds away from the kids day-to-day education.

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Thanks.

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