

Student Council Association

T. C. Williams High School

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A Letter Regarding Diversity at T.C. Williams High School

Dear Community Members,

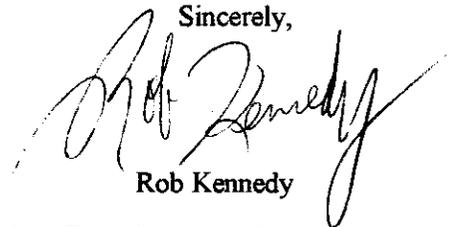
If you were to attend a sports game at T.C. Williams High School, you would undoubtedly hear the cheerleaders and the crowd chanting "We are the Titans, the mighty, mighty Titans." Many schools across the country have similar school spirit, but no other school in the nation has a body of students who are so proud of the great ideal for which T.C. Williams High School is famous: diversity.

We Titans represent over eighty different countries and speak approximately sixty different languages. We are students who hold different moral, ethical, religious, philosophical, and political ideas. We are interested in student government, debate, mathematics, science, our cultural background, football, and crew. It is what we have done with this diversity, however, that truly distinguishes us.

The same spirit that allowed the 1971 football team to win a state championship despite their differences perseveres and triumphs today. I have seen this united diversity in action. In the aftermath of September 11, 2001, I saw all of the Titans unite to raise \$3700 for the Red Cross. I have seen a volleyball team, composed of Bulgarians, South Americans, Africans, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, and white Americans, make its way to victory. More importantly, I have seen united diversity every day, in the hallways, in the classrooms, and in the gym as students interact with their friends and classmates, without regard to their background.

We Titans, however, are like the rest of America in at least one way. There are activities and times when we are more prone to "hang out" with people of our own race, background, neighborhood, or interest whether that be along racial, economic, or social lines. But the fact that we do see and react to differences, the fact that we are more comfortable with people who are like us makes us human. We Titans are humans, but mighty, mighty humans.

Sincerely,



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