

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
PHASE 1 FEASIBILITY STUDY RESOLUTION
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

WHEREAS, the current Booker T. Washington High School opened in September 1974 at the cost of just 8 million dollars,

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School has a long and rich history in this the City of Norfolk and in the Commonwealth of Virginia,

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington High School is one of two remaining Historically Black High Schools in the Commonwealth,

WHEREAS, over the past decade, Booker T. Washington High School's enrollment has decreased to an average of 970 students,

WHEREAS, in 2018 The School Board of the City of Norfolk voted to maintain the present location and name of Booker T. Washington High School,

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of the school's academic programs and how they align with the current physical structure has not been conducted since the opening of the existing structure in 1974,

WHEREAS, it is critically important to ensure that all five of Norfolk High Schools have an active and academically challenging Academy program,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the school and surrounding community to ensure that Booker T. Washington High School has a vibrant and competitive Academy that will retain and attract a diverse group of students from across the city,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important to include this action into the overall facility planning and funding for Norfolk Public Schools,

Whereas, it is essential to bring stakeholders together to provide input into what the future academic program has instore for Booker T. Washington High School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Norfolk City School Board includes in its FY 2020-2021 Budget funding to complete a Phase 1 Feasibility Study for Booker T. Washington High School and present that report by February 2021 to the School Board and Stakeholders for future action.

Moved by Carlos J. Clanton, Vice Chairman, and Ward 3 Member