

# New school likely to be named for Marshall

*Recommendations will be forwarded to Dayton school board*

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**DAYTON** — The city's first new school since 1981 likely will be named for civil rights pioneer Thurgood Marshall.

The school also is poised to adopt Colonel White High School's mascot — the cougar — and wear purple and gold, combining the colors of old Roth High School with those of Colonel White.

Those recommendations from Colonel White's incoming 10th-graders, who will become the Marshall High School class of 2008 if all goes as planned, were endorsed Wednesday at a community meeting.

The proposals will be forwarded to school board members for a vote. Marshall was a lawyer who argued



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against racially segregated schools to help the NAACP win the landmark *Brown v. Topeka Board of Education* case in 1954 and went on to become the first black U.S. Supreme Court justice.

The only other suggestion given much consideration was civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. — the suggestion of the site committee planning the construction project.

Dayton has no school named for King, as many other cities do, but the students said they preferred Marshall because of the recent 50th anniversary of the Brown case and because King "already has a lot of recognition right now," in the words of student Curtiya Guy.

At the meeting, the board set its criteria for naming future schools. Schools should be named for peo-

ple who are:

➤ Deceased, although living people will be considered if a strong case can be made.

➤ Historically relevant in general, but preferably those with historical relevance in Dayton and in education.

➤ Good models of citizenship with strong community values.

So far, an unscientific online poll being conducted at [DaytonDailyNews.com](http://DaytonDailyNews.com) finds Olympic hurdler Edwin C. Moses the top choice of readers from among 12 important Daytonians. James Cox, former Ohio governor and presidential candidate who also was publisher of the *Dayton Daily News*, tied for second with former U.S. Rep. Tony Hall. Artist "Bing" Davis and actor Martin Sheen rounded out the top five.

The new high school, at 4535 Hoover Ave., will contain 129,000 square feet on 46 acres and hold 645 students in grades nine to 12 at a cost of \$21 million. Officials expect to break ground next spring, with the school opening in 2008.