



E.L. Bing Elementary School

Who was E.L. Bing?

Elijah Lutrell Bing, 1921-1990, was a local educator, civic leader, and scion of a distinguished Plant City family. He was the first African American member of Hillsborough County's Board of County Commissioners, appointed in 1982. Previously, Mr. Bing served as a principal and administrator for Hillsborough County Public Schools, and as provost for Hillsborough Community College's Ybor City Campus.

Why name a sports complex and elementary school for him?

Throughout his life, Bing strived to create opportunities for African Americans and all County residents. He had a key role in requesting federal grants to implement the school system's desegregation plan. Naming a sports complex and school for Bing is a testament to his achievements. Acquaintances praise his keen mind, organizational skills, and sense of fairness.

About E.L. Bing Sports Complex and Bing Elementary School

The sports complex, 7402 Taylor Road in Seffner, has football and softball fields, basketball and tennis courts, a playground, picnic shelters, and restrooms. Bing Elementary School, 6409 36th Ave. S. in Tampa, was built in 1991 and initially was exclusively for sixth graders. It became a preschool through fifth-grade campus in 1996. The school's mascot is a bulldog. At our school, we strive to embody the characteristics of Mr. Bing. May his legacy live on.