

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-027 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The Booker T. Washington Senior High School football team has solidified its position as a sports powerhouse. The Tornados have the distinction of earning a national title in 2013, 5 state titles, 10 regional titles, and 13 consecutive district titles. The team received a #1 final ranking from USA Today in 2013 and its record from 2003 to the present is an impressive 149-23. The team also had a 41 game winning streak from 2012 to 2014. Five NFL players hail from Booker T. Washington Senior High.

Booker T. Washington Senior has a rich history in the community where it is the second oldest school in South Florida and the first to serve African-American students. The school was founded in 1926 and served black students from West Palm Beach and Key West. The school was converted to a middle school in 1962. Booker T. Washington became an all-academy senior high school in 1999. The school underwent a \$30 million construction and renovation project, which included a new gymnasium, auditorium, track and field facility, and classroom complex. The cafeteria, classrooms and media center were renovated. Most recently, the school unveiled a newly renovated planetarium that is the centerpiece of the school's Astronomy Magnet program. The program offers students a challenging curriculum exposing them to critical thinking, technology, STEM, research opportunities and Advanced Placement, while earning college credit through Florida International University.

The Booker T. Washington Senior High School football team and its leadership are to be commended for upholding the principles of sportsmanship, excellence and perseverance.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Booker T. Washington Senior High School Football Team.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-027  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Booker T. Washington Senior High School football team has solidified its position as a sports powerhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tornados have the distinction of earning a national title in 2013, 5 state titles, 10 regional titles, and 13 consecutive district titles. The team received a #1 final ranking from USA Today in 2013 and its record from 2003 to the present is an impressive 149-23. The team also had a 41 game winning streak from 2012 to 2014. Five NFL players hail from Booker T. Washington Senior High; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker T. Washington Senior High has a rich history in the community where it is the second oldest school in South Florida and the first to serve African-American students. The school was founded in 1926 and served black students from West Palm Beach and Key West; and

**WHEREAS**, Booker T. Washington became an all-academy senior high school in 1999 and underwent a \$30 million construction and renovation project, which included a new gymnasium, auditorium, track and field facility, and classroom complex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Booker T. Washington Senior High School football team and its leadership are to be commended for upholding the principles of sportsmanship, excellence and perseverance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Booker T. Washington Senior High School Football Team.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary