

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-160 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HONORING DAVONTE POLLARD OF G. HOLMES BRADDOCK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

From time to time, there is an exceptional student who succeeds despite all odds. Davonte Pollard grew up playing football and at age 9, was diagnosed with a debilitating eye condition that would culminate in complete vision loss. As the disease progressed, he was forced to abandon the sport he loved.

His will and resolve reignited the passion to play. Davonte's parents were understandably cautious when he expressed a desire to play football again. But he knew that if he put his mind to it, he could attain his goal. Overcoming adversity and challenges are part of his life.

Last year, as a freshman at G. Holmes Braddock, he attended spring practice regularly. His determination and persistence paid off. After being granted medical clearance, Coach Frank Rojas welcomed him to the team. Today, Davonte is a junior and a running back for the Braddock Bulldogs. This past October, he played his first game, encouraged by the cheers of his coaches and teammates.

Aside from his athletic abilities, Davonte is an aspiring musician who has taught himself to play guitar and piano. He is a poet and composer. The perseverance of this young man is worthy of admiration. He is an inspiration to his fellow students and our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-160 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Davonte Pollard of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-160  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING DAVONTE POLLARD OF G. HOLMES BRADDOCK  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Davonte Pollard grew up playing football. At age nine, he was diagnosed with a debilitating eye condition that would culminate in complete vision loss. As the disease progressed, he was forced to abandon the sport he loved; and

**WHEREAS**, his will and resolve reignited his passion to play. He knew that if he put his mind to it, he could attain his goal; and

**WHEREAS**, as a freshman at G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School, he attended spring practice regularly. His determination and persistence paid off. After being granted medical clearance, Coach Frank Rojas welcomed him to the team; and

**WHEREAS**, today, Davonte is a junior and a running back for the Braddock Bulldogs. Last month, he played his first game, encouraged by the cheers of his coaches and teammates; and

**WHEREAS**, aside from his athletic abilities, Davonte is an aspiring musician who has taught himself to play guitar and piano. He also is a poet and composer; and

**WHEREAS**, Davonte Pollard's perseverance and tenacity are worthy of admiration. He is truly an inspiration to his fellow students and our community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-160 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Davonte Pollard of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School.

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

**Presented this twenty-first day of November A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary