

# Resolution No. 553-2020

By Council Members Conwell and  
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## AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Urging the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to make mandatory in its curriculum African-American History and Cleveland-centered African-American History, and further urging the School District to create an African-American education center for children based on African-American heritage and history in Cleveland.

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WHEREAS, the United States and the City of Cleveland have an important and rich history of the African-American people, but it is not fully taught in schools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cleveland's children do not learn enough about African-American history, heritage and culture of the United States and of Cleveland; and

WHEREAS, it seems that children in Cleveland only know about Martin Luther King, Jr. in relation to African-American heritage and history; and

WHEREAS, there is so much more African-American history, heritage and culture that should be taught to Cleveland students, including about Clevelanders Garrett Morgan, Jessie Owens, Fannie Lewis, Carl Stokes and Stephanie Tubbs Jones, to name only a few; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:**

**Section 1.** That this Council urges the Cleveland Metropolitan School District to make mandatory in its curriculum African-American History and Cleveland-centered African-American History, and further urges the School District to create an African-American education center for children based on African-American heritage and history in Cleveland.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of Council is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to Eric Gordon, CEO, Cleveland Metropolitan School District and to the appropriate persons at the Ohio State Board of Education.

**Section 3.** That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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