

Resolution Number 163
St. Louis Public Schools, AVID and AT&T Reduce High School Drop-Out Rates

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Public Schools continues in its mission to equip students with the resources and skills necessary to achieve high school, college, career and life success; and

WHEREAS, the St. Louis Public Schools began implementing the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness System in 2007 to help prepare students at-risk of dropping-out for success in high school and college; and, to increase college application and acceptance rates among low-income, minority, at-risk students; and, to stimulate an interest in learning; and

WHEREAS, a \$300,000 AT&T Foundation contribution funds a multi-year effort to support expansion of the AVID College Readiness System to 3,400 students at Cleveland Junior Naval Academy; Gateway Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) High School; Roosevelt High School; Soldan International Studies High School; Sumner High School; and, Vashon High School.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, congratulate and extend appreciation to the St. Louis Public Schools, AVID and AT&T for creating the kind of public-private partnership necessary to prepare at-risk students for success in life; and, we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare commemorative copies to the end that they may be presented to the honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsors.

Introduced on the 21st day of November, 2014 by:

Honorable Christine Ingrassia, Alderwoman 6th Ward

Honorable Samuel L. Moore, Alderman 4th Ward

Honorable Joseph Vollmer, Alderman 10th Ward

Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman 19th Ward

Honorable Frank Williamson, Alderman 26th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of November, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen