

PUBLIC SCHOOL LEAGUE ALUMNI PROFILES

➤ **Two members of the Pittsburgh Steelers are illustrious alumni of the Detroit Public School League.**



Jerome Bettis, a graduate of Mackenzie High School and Notre Dame University, has been one of the best running backs in the National Football League for many years. First he was with the Los Angeles Rams and now he's with the Steelers. At the last regular season game at Heinz Field, the Steelers fans thanked Bettis for his service to Pittsburgh both on and off the field in what might have been his last season. He is a professional in his playing as well as his leadership which extends to his commitment to his hometown - Detroit. For many years, Bettis has conducted summer camps for Detroit youngsters that combine sports, academics and life skills. The expenses of the camp are funded by the foundation that Bettis established to give back to young people, particularly in Detroit. He is also part of a group of investors who are seeking to redevelop the site of the former Chrysler automotive plant on East Jefferson. Jerome Bettis is a great role model for all Detroit Public School students and parents as he has dedicated his life to professional achievement and community support.



Larry Foote, a graduate of Pershing High School and University of Michigan, is quickly developing into one of the best linebackers in the NFL. In his fourth season with the Steelers, he has earned a reputation as a player who goes all out on each play and his effort and leadership inspire his teammates on the field and in the locker room. Larry also has committed to caring for his young son who lives with him in Pittsburgh during the season. Larry spends his off-season in Detroit and often visits his childhood neighborhood, speaking with youngsters and encouraging them to focus on their class work in order to be successful. Larry Foote has achieved greatness on the football field but never forgets his home of Detroit and the people who helped him along the way.