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CANTON, Ohio — Glenville High school, a school in Cleveland's largely Black public school system that is located on the city's majority Black east side, won the OHSAA Division IV championship title this past weekend in Canton over Cincinnati Wyoming, the first time in the 51-year history of the Ohio High School Athletic Association football that a school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, initially named the Cleveland Public School District, has won a state football championship title.

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he school district will host a celebratory parade and motorcade on Thursday, December 8, 2022 from the high school beginning at 10 am It will be followed by an 11 am victory rally at Cleveland Public Hall where Mayor bibb is expected to speak, among others).

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Led by longtime coach Ted Ginn Sr., and with Damarion Witten at the helm as quarterback, Glenville defeated Cincinnati Wyoming 26-6 to capture the Division IV state title, one of seven OHSAA titles up for grabs over the weekend among seven divisions, all of the games played at the Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton beginning on Friday. It was Glenville's third appearance in a state championship game.

Coming into Saturday's championship game, the Tarblooders had capped off a perfect 15-0 season for Glenville and coach Ginn, a Black coach.

After accepting the trophy on the stadium field after his team's spectacular win, Ginn, in talking to reporters, praised his players and called the win a win for Glenville and a "win for the community."

Coach Ginn led Glenville twice to the state title game but both times, in 2009 and 2013, the Tarblooders came up short.

The first Glenville High School originally resided at the former Oliver Wendell Holmes school (then The Doan Building) which formerly sat on the northeast corner of E. 105th and St. Clair. It later moved to Parkwood and Everton in October 1904 due to population growth at the time. The current building was built in 1964 and is located at E. 113th and St. Clair.

Cleveland's public school district, which had nearly 150,000 students in 1963 before the now defunct desegregation court order and court-ordered bussing of the 1980s and 1990s, today hardly has an enrollment of some 30,000 students. Per state law the school district is controlled by the mayor, who appoints school board members. Before the mayoral control law took effect in 1998 such school board members were elected.

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