

Board of School Directors
Proclamation
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD**, who was first elected to the 4th District seat on the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in April 2009, served as Chair of the Board’s Committee on Parent and Community Engagement from 2009 to 2013 and again in 2019; and of the Board’s Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation in 2015; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has championed the students, parents, and community at large in her district by proposing that:

- reasonable structural changes be made to the Clarke Street School facility so as to position the school as an ADA accessible building;
- Andrew S. Douglas Middle School be designated an African-immersion school;
- the Administration work with the community to develop a grades 6-12 program at Sarah Scott with a greening focus and a walk-zone preference for enrollment;
- establishing a technology and science program be developed at Clarke Street Elementary school
- the MPS Office of Human Resource give priority in filling vacancies to the schools in MPS’s Central Region;
- the Administration develop a cohort to address the equity in educational programs on the north side of Milwaukee and explore the implementation of a proposal to prevent additional closings of north side school;
- the district hire more African-American teachers
- MPS increase its minimum wage to \$15 per hour; and
- all of the proceeds from the sale of the former Wheatley site and the Donation Agreement approved by the Board in May 2020 be allocated to support MPS’s 53206 Initiative and the schools within the Board’s District 4; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has sought to reform MPS’s practices regarding student discipline by proposing that student expulsions be reviewed and recommended by an Independent Hearing Panel and that the District investigate alternative options to expulsions, to include, but not be limited to, restorative justice measures; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has sought to strengthen safety and security within the district by proposing to extend the prohibition of the possession of dangerous weapons on school property to all MPS-owned or -leased properties and facilities, or at any school-sponsored activity; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has promoted diversity within the district by proposing that diversity training be a required part of new teachers’ orientation and of professional development for existing teaching staff and that students be provided with diverse faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has sought to improve the functioning and transparency of the Board by proposing that it not take action on new items unless they have been published in the advance copy of the agenda; that, except under exigent circumstances, the Board and of its committees meet only on the dates and at the times approved by the Board during its annual organizational meeting; and that all members of the Board follow the Code of Ethics and be respectful of the authority of their colleagues to represent their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, **ANNIE WOODWARD** has sought to put money back into the classroom by establishing a plan to cut four million dollars from busing costs, with the savings to be used to put more teachers and assistants back in the classroom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That, on this, the occasion of her retirement from the Board, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors extend its sincere appreciation to **ANNIE WOODWARD** for her years of dedicated service to the Milwaukee Public Schools, to its students, and to the public; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the permanent proceedings of the Board of School Directors and that the Board instruct the Board Clerk to have an engrossed copy of this document, suitably signed and sealed, prepared and delivered to **ANNIE WOODWARD** in tribute to her record of dedicated public service to the citizens of Milwaukee and to the children of the Milwaukee Public Schools.

Adopted this 22nd Day of April, 2021.

Larry Miller, President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors