

Board of School Directors
Proclamation
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR**, was first elected to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in 2019 and served as Chair of the Board’s Committee on Parent and Community Engagement in the 2020 and 2021 board years and as Vice President of the Board for the 2021 board year; and
- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** encouraged the Board to call on activists, public officials, and community stakeholders to collaborate on a regional plan to enact equitable, pro-desegregation, and pro-reparation policies throughout Metropolitan Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** advocated for the dismantling of the pipeline-to-prison by urging the One Milwaukee Initiative to include factors that contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline in their consideration and advocated to discontinue the use of police officers serving as School Resource Officers in the schools; and
- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** promoted the formal recognition of the contributions of Mr. Ceasar Stinson to the MPS community by sponsoring action to name the District’s student learning exchange program in his honor; and
- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** has been a constant champion for MPS employees and has
- worked to secure funding for additional hours to create more 40-hour paraprofessional positions and certified healthcare assistant positions in schools; and
 - sought to establish an onboarding program for paraprofessionals in order to bring clarity to the role and a path for career development; and
 - encouraged the Board to approve funding to offer interested parent coordinators 40-hour positions; and
- WHEREAS,** **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** consistently advocated for budgetary allocations that would benefit and support Milwaukee Public Schools students, including funding for school counselors and mental health services and interventions; an ethnic studies course in each high school or school with a high-school component and in each grade level at the African-American Immersion middle school; restoration of the cosmetology program at Obama SCTE in order to provide a trade option for students; allocation of funding for a business-planning and financial literacy telepresence course; strengthening and expansion of the Black and Latino Male Achievement (BLMA) Office; establishment of a certified nursing assistant class at four MPS high-school sites; and reallocation of nutrition funding in order to provide a fresh fruit and vegetable option every day in all schools as well as a full salad option for half the high-school population every day; 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 **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** 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 **SEQUANNA TAYLOR** 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 20th Day of April, 2023

Bob Peterson, President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors