

Board of School Directors
Proclamation
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** was first elected to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in 2019 and has served as Chair of the Board’s Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget for the 2019 and 2020 board years and Chair of the Board’s Committee on Legislation, Rules and Policies for the 2021 and 2022 board years; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** served as the Board’s President for the 2021 and 2022 board years and, in these post-pandemic years, advanced the exploration of mandatory COVID-testing for employees and thoughtful return-to-school guidelines; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** led the fight to secure funding for schools that our students deserve, by which MPS won overwhelming support from the voters on a referendum that secured an additional \$87 million in school funding; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** sought to strengthen the Success Center concept by supporting its expansion to K4 to 3rd-graders in order to provide additional supports for our youngest students with behavioral challenges; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** championed the adoption of practices and standards for shared leadership as an essential element of attracting and retaining high-quality administrators and teachers and of intentional community building within the schools; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** promoted the creation of an administrative policy on Community Schools, in order to bring cohesiveness, equity, and accountability to all MPS Community Schools; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** maintained the position that “Our House is on Fire” and proposed the integration of a climate justice curriculum and sustainability practices into all aspects of district functions and worked to establish the Climate Justice Curriculum Advisory Committee to lead the necessary work; and
- WHEREAS,** **BOB PETERSON** has been a tireless voice for equity and social justice within MPS and has
- advanced the belief that all eligible students should be registered to vote and be equipped to make informed decisions by proposing the development of a plan to increase student voter registration and participation; and
 - sought to eliminate the disproportionality between and among schools with and without entry requirements through the establishment of a middle/high-school equity work group; and
 - advocated for the Board to call on activists, elected officials, and stakeholders to work together to develop a regional plan to reduce school inequities and segregation throughout Metropolitan Milwaukee; and
 - encouraged the Board to adopt a Land Acknowledgment to ensure that the histories of Wisconsin’s First Nation’s are recognized and that their relationship to local lands is not forgotten; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That, on this, the occasion of his retirement from the Board, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors extend its sincere appreciation to **BOB PETERSON** for his 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 **BOB PETERSON** in tribute to his 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

Sequanna Taylor, Vice-President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors