

Resolution 2223R-005

By Director Herndon

WHEREAS, It is the vision of Milwaukee Public Schools that will be among the highest-student-growth school systems in the country and that relevant, rigorous, and successful instructional programs will be recognized and replicated; and

WHEREAS, Vincent High School has successfully implemented an agricultural program since 1980, not to merely create urban farmers, but to “emphasize careers that support or involve agriculture, such as genetic research, horticulture, forestry, or veterinary science; and

WHEREAS, The success of Vincent’s agricultural program is worthy of replicating at the K-8 level; and

WHEREAS, River Trail School is a recent recipient of an agricultural grant and, with its close proximity to Vincent High School, is ideal choice to be designated as a K-8 school of agriculture; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That River Trail School be officially designated as a School of Agriculture and that this designation be factored into the school’s marketing and branding, its budget, and its curricular programs; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That opportunities for students to explore of agriculture-related pathways, including Animal Science, Agribusiness, Horticulture, Food Science, Environmental Science, and Culinary Arts be incorporated into the curriculum and program offerings of the school; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in order to retain a feeder pattern and to ensure student retention, River Trail’s program include an expansion of its partnership with Vincent High School to enable River Trail students to tour the agricultural program and to interact with high-school-aged agriculture students; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an update on this work be provided to the Board by the October 2022 board cycle.

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