

Resolution 2223R-010

Resolution to name the MPS International Student Exchange Program to the CEASAR STINSON Learning Exchange Program

By Director Taylor

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools "is a diverse district that welcomes all students and prepares them for success in higher education, post-educational opportunities, work, and citizenship"; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute s. 121.84(1)(c) states "A school board may permit a foreign exchange student to attend school in the school district without payment of tuition; and

WHEREAS, Language in the MPS 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda indicates that "MPS strives to accomplish the same basic objectives – to enhance student achievement, to increase educational opportunities for all children and to attract and retain the most qualified teachers"; and

WHEREAS, Ceasar Stinson was a Legislative Policy Specialist for Milwaukee Public Schools and advocate for international exchange opportunities for students and educators; and

WHEREAS, Ceasar Stinson, a Milwaukee Public Schools alumnus, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, served as a lobbyist and held various other positions throughout his seventeen years with the district; and

WHEREAS, Ceasar Stinson worked with elected officials and other public education advocates at the local, national, and international levels; and

WHEREAS; On January 25, 2020, MPS and the entire community was devastated by the loss of Mr. Stinson, a man who made significant contributions to the quality of life of the Milwaukee community; and

WHEREAS, Ceasar worked with Board members, the Administration, and students and families, to further the MPS student exchange program and to recruit talented teachers from the United Kingdom and other countries; and

WHEREAS, Ceasar will be remembered as an intelligent and strong team member; an involved individual who loved his community; a mentor who was passionate about helping young people achieve their educational aspirations - not just stateside but internationally; and a loving father to his daughter Cearra; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in sincere appreciation of Ceasar Stinson's years of dedicated service to the Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors hereby renames the MPS International Enrollment Program and international educator recruitment effort the Ceasar Stinson Learning Exchange Program; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this name change be reflected in any policies, procedures, district webpages, and relevant documents; 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 the family of Ceasar Stinson in tribute to his record of dedicated public service to the citizens of Milwaukee and to the children of Milwaukee Public Schools.

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