

*Board of School Directors*  
**Proclamation**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY**, was born and raised in Milwaukee; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** graduated from Harvard College and did graduate work at both Northwestern University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** was chosen by the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) as their third executive director in 2005; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** was instrumental in fostering trust among the school boards of Wisconsin such that, under his leadership, every one of the state's 421 school districts is a member of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** provided sound guidance to Wisconsin's school boards and was particularly instrumental in helping school boards navigate the changes imposed on collective bargaining as a result of Wisconsin Act 10; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** skillfully led the WASB through the unprecedented challenges that came as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and was instrumental in guiding school boards through the necessary transitions; and
- WHEREAS,** **JOHN ASHLEY** remains committed to the belief that all children in Milwaukee and around the state deserve an education that helps them meet their potential; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** That the Milwaukee Board of School Directors congratulates **JOHN ASHLEY** on his retirement as Executive Director of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and extends its sincere appreciation to **JOHN ASHLEY** for his eighteen years of dedicated service to the member districts of the WASB; 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 **JOHN ASHLEY** in tribute to his record of dedicated service to the Milwaukee Board of School Directors and to school boards across Wisconsin.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2023

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Bob Peterson, President  
Milwaukee Board of School Directors