

## Resolution 1819R-007

### By Director Sain

WHEREAS, The mission of the Milwaukee Public Schools states, “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, In September 2016, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors adopted the Eight Big Ideas operational plan, which includes rethinking high school as a strategic objective in the area of academic achievement with the aim that every MPS student graduate on time with a personalized pathway to success in college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, In August 2017, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors took action to configure Daniel Webster Secondary School as a traditional middle school, to direct the Administration to work with the Webster community to determine the best program for the future, and to report back to the Board by November 2017 on the progress of the reconfiguration; and

WHEREAS, In determining the best program for the future of Webster School, Milwaukee Public Schools must consider pathways that will meet both the current and future needs of MPS students and families and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, MPS International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, and specialty schools consistently experience oversubscription and wait lists, indicating a continued need for rigorous college-preparatory programs; and

WHEREAS, The growing pace of technology means that the Milwaukee Public Schools must try to anticipate, and prepare students for, post-educational opportunities that may not even yet exist; and

WHEREAS, Milwaukee Public Schools must also prepare the next generation of school, community, and governmental leaders to think critically, to analyze and to solve problems, to communicate effectively, and to collaborate; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Daniel Webster Secondary School be reconfigured to serve grades six through twelve, beginning with the expansion to ninth grade during the 2019-2020 school year and expanding by one grade level each school year thereafter until full expansion to serve grades six through twelve in the 2022-2023 school year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Daniel Webster Secondary School’s traditional program be redesigned to include a high-school-preparatory program for middle-school students; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That — in direct alignment with the district’s mission to prepare students for success in higher education, post-educational opportunities, work, and citizenship — the redesign of Daniel Webster Secondary School also include the following three high-school academies from which high-school students will be able to choose their academic focus:

- a college-preparatory academy in which students shall engage in rigorous college-preparatory courses, including access to early-college high school (ECHS) and dual-enrollment programs;
- a science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) academy in which students shall engage in an interdisciplinary, hands-on, and project-based learning curriculum, including access to apprenticeships and internships; and

- a leadership, business, law, and social justice academy in which students shall engage in a sequence in business, law, and social justice, including access to community projects, service learning, and internships; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to establish a steering committee inclusive of representation from Webster's leadership, staff, students, parents, and partners, as well as representation from MPS's central administration and the broader community, to work on the redesign and growth of Webster Secondary School; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration, in consultation with the steering committee, to bring an update on the reconfiguration and redesign of Webster Secondary School to the Board no later than the ~~October~~ November 2018 board cycle and quarterly thereafter through the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to explore the establishment of feeder patterns to Webster Secondary School.

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