

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

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER**, who was first elected to the 5<sup>th</sup> District seat on the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in April 2009, served as Chair of the Board’s Committee on Innovation/School Reform from 2009 to 2013, of the Board’s Committee on Student Achievement and School Innovation in 2013 and 2014, of the Board’s Committee on Accountability, Finance, and Personnel in 2015 and 2016, of the Board’s Committee on Strategic Planning and Budget in 2018, and as President of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors since April 2019; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has promoted student achievement by proposing that value added be considered in the evaluations of charter schools; that MPS charter schools be guaranteed the clear flexibility for curriculum, materials, instructional practice, and reform models as provided for in MPS policies; and that the Milwaukee Board of School Directors endorse the efforts of the Milwaukee Grade-Level Reading Campaign Consortium; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has sought to reduce at the state and federal levels the reliance on standardized testing and to promote forms of assessment that more accurately reflect the broad range of student learning and are used to support students and to improve schools; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has championed bilingual education by calling for the establishment of an English/Spanish bilingual and dual-language program so that MPS becomes a school district in which students will graduate academically well prepared in English, Spanish, or be conversant in other languages; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has led the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in supporting the Black Lives Matter movement by promoting restorative justice, a “Black Lives Matter at School Week” of education and student participation, and a week of action in coordination with the national Black Lives Matter at School movement, including promoting the first day of school on the traditional start calendar as “Black to School,” encouraging dress in BLM attire, and establishing a campaign for the whole year, beginning the first week of school, with the purpose of integrating the demands and actions of the Black Lives Matter at School program into every school and classroom; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has led the fight for the rights of immigrants by calling on the Milwaukee Board of School Directors to support the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act (S. 729), to participate in the economic boycott of Arizona that state’s bills SB 1070, making it a state misdemeanor to be in the state of Arizona without legal documentation and giving law enforcement broader abilities to enforce federal immigration laws, and HB 2281, to prohibit teaching classes designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group or to advocate ethnic awareness and solidarity; and

**WHEREAS,** **LARRY MILLER** has sought to strengthen the civic engagement of our students and community by encouraging vote registration; by calling on the District to develop procedures to promote the opportunity for students and employees to serve as poll workers; by proposing that mock elections be held for each presidential election; and by advocating that students be provided opportunities to engage in non-partisan electoral activities in off-campus civics activities; 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 **LARRY MILLER** 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 **LARRY MILLER** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of April, 2021.

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Luis A. (Tony) Báez, Vice President  
Milwaukee Board of School Directors