

**(ATTACHMENT 1) ACTION ON RESOLUTION 1718R-013 BY DIRECTOR VOSS REGARDING
SCHOOL GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

Resolution 1718R-013

By Director Voss

WHEREAS, The vision of Milwaukee Public Schools states, “The district and its schools will collaborate with students, families, and the community for the benefit of all”; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Policy 1.01 Vision, Mission, Core Beliefs, states that “Involved families are integral to increasing student achievement” as a core belief and “Student, family, and community engagement” as a goal; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Policy 9.04, Community Involvement in Decision Making, states, “That the school program can better meet the educational needs of children when school personnel recognize that parents and other citizens of the community should serve in a cooperating role of identifying educational needs and the broad goals of achievement for their children”; and

WHEREAS, In September 2016, the Milwaukee Board of School Directors adopted the Eight Big Ideas operational plan; and

WHEREAS, The Eight Big Ideas operational plan includes rethinking high schools as a strategic objective in the area of academic achievement, with the aim that all Milwaukee Public Schools students will graduate on time with personalized pathways to success in college, career, and life; and

WHEREAS, High-school graduation ceremonies are a celebration not only of students’ achievement, but also of student, family, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, The ceremony is a time for family and friends to give honor to graduates’ accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The graduation ceremony is the closest thing that most American students have to a rite of passage; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board direct the Administration to develop a procedure for scheduling MPS high-school graduation ceremonies on days and at times that are conducive to the highest possible participation by all members of a school community, including students, families, and staff; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the new procedure include evening or weekend times as the first option for MPS high-school graduation ceremonies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the new procedure be implemented in the ~~2017-18~~ 2018-19 school year.

November 30, 2017