

PROCLAMATION

IN HONOR OF
WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,
*FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE
MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS*

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** was elected to the 2nd District seat on the Milwaukee Board of School Directors in April 2015; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** served as Chair of the Milwaukee Board of School Directors' Committee on Parent and Community Engagement from 2017 through 2018; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** served as the Board's delegate to the MPS Head Start Policy Council from 2015 through 2018; and

WHEREAS **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** served as the Board's delegate to the Title I District Advisory Council in 2015 and 2016; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** has based his tenure on the Board on strengthening parental and community involvement in the schools, in the district, and in the Board's policy making; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** has championed the creation – through partnerships with non-profit organizations, with community and faith-based entities, with institutions of higher education, and with the City of Milwaukee – of a Community Resource Center to provide exceptional education, social services, family support, healthcare, and community-building programs, as well as either short-term or long-term community housing for homeless students and their families; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** has proposed the creation of programs in MPS's underused or vacant buildings to provide a holistic experience for students who have experienced repeated behavioral challenges and to serve students in grades 4 through 12 who are at risk of or have been given out-of-school suspensions; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** has encouraged the Milwaukee Public Schools to explore and to implement fair and effective alternatives to out-of-school suspensions; and

WHEREAS, **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** has advocated for policies to increase educational equity in the Milwaukee Public Schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the **MILWAUKEE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS** extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** for his years of dedicated service to the Milwaukee Public Schools, its students, and the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the permanent proceedings of the Board of School Directors; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board instruct the Board Clerk to have an engrossed copy of this document, suitably signed and sealed, prepared and delivered to **WENDELL J. HARRIS, SR.,** 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 25th Day of April, 2019.

Mark A. Sain, President
Milwaukee Board of School Directors