

June 23, 2021

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. JANICE K. JACKSON
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AT CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, after serving the Chicago Public Schools for 22 years with faithful service and dedication, Dr. Janice K. Jackson is departing CPS, the nation's third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson served most recently as the district's Chief Executive Officer, where she was responsible for setting our district's collective goals and ensuring that the children of Chicago develop into the thinkers, leaders, and innovators of the future; and

WHEREAS, in her role as Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jackson focused on providing students in every neighborhood of Chicago with equitable access to high-quality programming and facilities, and was committed to developing a pre-k through college continuum that is steeped in academic rigor, and that supports the development of the whole child and provides students with multiple pathways to success; and

WHEREAS, during her final 15 months as Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jackson led CPS through a global pandemic, successfully transitioning the district to remote learning, then working tirelessly to safely reopen schools for all students; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Dr. Jackson launched a Five-Year Vision for Chicago Public Schools. This comprehensive, research-based roadmap has strengthened our district's commitment to integrity, financial stability, and academic progress, and has renewed our focus on equity; and

WHEREAS, prior to her current role, Dr. Jackson served as the district's Chief Education Officer, where she oversaw all CPS academic departments and initiatives while supporting district principals and network chiefs in their leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, while in this role, Dr. Jackson worked with community leaders to prioritize sustainable and impactful investments on Chicago's south side, including the new Englewood STEM High School, and Bronzeville Classical, a new selective-enrollment elementary school; and

WHEREAS, also as Chief Education Officer, Dr. Jackson launched the Academic RFP process to create an equitable, transparent, and collaborative system for developing school programming across Chicago, including a \$36 million investment during the first year; and

WHEREAS, through her collaboration with CPS leadership, the Board of Education, the Mayor's Office, and our school communities, Dr. Jackson has helped ensure that every stakeholder has a voice in shaping district initiatives. By developing Principal, Teacher, and Student Advisory Councils and prioritizing engagement with Community Action Councils and community leaders, she was able to create transformative policy changes, including GoCPS, which has streamlined and increase transparency in our school application process, and Learn.Plan.Succeed, a policy focused on ensuring all students have a solid plan for success beyond high school; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with CPS, Dr. Jackson also served as a network Chief, where she led the transformation and expansion of instruction-centered programs for a diverse portfolio of 26 schools; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jackson also served as the founding principal of the Al Raby School for Community and Environment, making it one of the district's most successful neighborhood high schools; and

WHEREAS, after her success at Al Raby, Dr. Jackson was selected to open George Westinghouse College Prep High School, which has been recognized nationally for its thriving world language program and partnerships, including the Northwestern Medicine Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career with Chicago Public Schools, Dr. Janice K. Jackson worked as a visionary, collaborative, and mission-driven leader and a progressive, forward-thinking educator who believes in setting the bar high; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janice K. Jackson will be remembered as a tenacious leader who advocated passionately for equity, and who worked hand-in-hand with families, educators, and partners to improve outcomes for students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Janice K. Jackson will be deeply missed by colleagues and friends at the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Board of Education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 23rd day of June, do hereby extend to Dr. Janice K. Jackson our heartiest congratulations and offer our gratitude for her contributions to the education of the children of Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Dr. Janice K. Jackson