

February 22, 2023

**RESOLUTION HONORING JOSEPH T. MORIARTY
GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

WHEREAS, after more than five years of distinguished service as General Counsel to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and nineteen years of faithful service as an attorney for the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, Joseph T. Moriarty is retiring;

WHEREAS, Mr. Moriarty began his career with the Board of Education of the City of Chicago in 2004 in the Law Department where he served as Associate Attorney, Senior Manager, Associate General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, and Labor Relations Officer;

WHEREAS, as General Counsel, he has provided trusted legal stewardship through his unwavering adherence to the highest principles of ethics, professionalism and hard work;

WHEREAS, General Counsel Moriarty has given the Board valued legal counsel on a large range of issues including litigation, labor relations, education law, contracts, governance, compliance, land acquisitions and construction, and has supervised 95 staff members employed in 10 practice and functional areas including Administration, Federal Litigation, State Litigation, Labor Relations and Office of Administrative Hearings, Employee Discipline and Labor Litigation, Transactions, School Law and Special Education, Freedom of Information, Policies, Procedures and Records, and Investigations;

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Joseph T. Moriarty was an integral member of the Protecting Chicago's Children Task Force and supervised the establishment of a comprehensive sexual abuse complaint process which resulted in the creation of the Office of Student Protections and Title IX;

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty led the Law Department through a number of strategic initiatives improving legal services, reducing liability and strengthening the training school administrators receive.

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty provided invaluable legal guidance to the District throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, which resulted in the policy guidance and operational response to support testing and vaccinations;

WHEREAS, under his leadership, Joseph T. Moriarty managed the collective bargaining process for the District's unions and 30,000 employees;

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty assisted the Board in developing various policies and initiatives that improved the educational experience for Chicago Public School students;

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty favorably resolved a number of long-standing legal actions and disputes saving the Board millions of dollars;

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty has been a stabilizing force for the Board and District administration during three leadership transitions; and

WHEREAS, Joseph T. Moriarty has exhibited the highest standards of integrity, dedication, respectful collaboration, and intellectual prowess throughout his impressive career of public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 22nd day of February 2023, do hereby extend to Joseph T. Moriarty our warmest congratulations upon his retirement as the General Counsel to the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, and offer this resolution as an expression of our most sincere admiration and gratitude for his contributions to the Chicago Public Schools and Chicago Board of Education. May he enjoy a most deserved retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Joseph T. Moriarty.