

May 26, 2021

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. LATANYA D. MCDADE  
CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER AT CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, after serving the Chicago Public Schools for 23 years with faithful service and dedication, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade is departing CPS, the nation's third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. McDade served most recently 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**, as Chief Education Officer, Dr. McDade's key responsibilities have included improving and supporting all aspects of academic growth, social and emotional development, and college and career readiness for more than 340,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, through her collaboration with CPS leadership, the Board of Education, the Mayor's Office, and our school communities, Dr. McDade has helped ensure equitable access to safe, modern facilities that support teaching, learning and high-quality academic programs for every student; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade spearheaded the launch of Skyline, the district's first ever digital, PK-12, standards-aligned and culturally responsive curriculum and oversaw the implementation of key district initiatives which includes the Chicago Roadmap, a formal, comprehensive partnership between Chicago Public Schools and the City Colleges of Chicago, the expansion of free and full day pre-k for all four year olds and the district's High School Strategy, a comprehensive roadmap that builds upon the district's 5 year vision by outlining specific strategies, goals and commitments to increase opportunities, outcomes and support for high school students to achieve critical benchmarks; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to her role as Chief Education Officer, Dr. McDade served as the Chief of Teaching and Learning, where she managed all core academic departments and oversaw the design, implementation, and evaluation of instructional programs and services for CPS teachers and administrators; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure with CPS, Dr. McDade also served as a network Chief, where she led the transformation and expansion of instruction-centered programs for a diverse portfolio of 37 elementary and high schools, yielding the highest NWEA gains in Literacy and Math across all networks in the district for grades 3 through 8; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career with Chicago Public Schools, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade worked as a visionary, collaborative, and mission-driven leader with a proven track record of creating positive change, and the ability to inspire confidence and trust through shared ownership of strategic priorities for advancing student outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade will be remembered as a devoted leader who worked tirelessly to ensure all students and families have equitable access to the high-quality educational opportunities needed to be successful in college, career, and community while being competitive in a global, 21st-Century society; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. LaTanya D. McDade will be missed by colleagues and friends at the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Board of Education.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 26th day of May, do hereby extend to Dr. LaTanya D. McDade our heartiest congratulations and offer our gratitude for her contributions to the education of the children of Chicago.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Dr. LaTanya D. McDade.