

February 23, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING DR. MAURICE R. SWINNEY  
INTERIM CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER AND FIRST CHIEF EQUITY OFFICER**

**WHEREAS**, after serving the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for ten years with faithful service and dedication, Dr. Maurice R. Swinney will be departing CPS, the nation's third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maurice Swinney received a Doctorate in Public School Administration from Oral Roberts University, a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership/School Principalship and a Bachelor's Degree in English Education from Xavier University of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Maurice Swinney's career at Chicago Public Schools began as the Principal of Edward Tilden Career Community Academy High School where he served from May 2012 until September 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, during Dr. Swinney's tenure as Principal, he focused on building trust and capacity among stakeholders by engaging them in school reform efforts, through the School Leadership Team, the Instructional Leadership Teams, and the Local School Council ; and

**WHEREAS**, under Dr. Swinney's unwavering leadership at Tilden, he cultivated partnerships to support adult development and student success, enhance the advanced placement and dual enrollment programs, and provide critical wrap-around services for students, while he worked tirelessly with ACT's Center for Equity in Learning to re-image Tilden as a school that serves "all" students; and

**WHEREAS**, as the District's first Chief Equity Officer from October 2018 until June 2021, Dr. Swinney developed the inaugural CPS Equity Framework to advance fair and impartial practices and policies throughout the District by engaging more than 5,000 CPS stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Swinney, helped direct more than \$100 million in equity-based funding in schools in historically underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Swinney also spearheaded the revision of more than 20 Board policies to be more inclusive of stakeholders' experiences; including the creation of a name change policy for schools seeking to more adequately and appropriately represent their core values; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Swinney served as the Interim Chief Education Officer from June 2021 until January 2022 where he oversaw strategic planning, management, and development for all of CPS' academic departments, including Teaching and Learning, Early Childhood Education, Language and Cultural Education, College and Career Success and Diverse Learner Supports and Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Swinney provided day-to-day support to school leaders and communities across Chicago in collaboration with the District's Chief of Schools and Network Chiefs and visited schools across Chicago to engage principals, teachers, students, and community partners; receive feedback from school communities; and learn about best practices for teaching, learning, and school leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Swinney has spent 10 years working with schools, students, teachers, parents, community organizations and members to improve the quality of public education in Chicago.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the President and Members of the Chicago Board of Education, gathered here this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022, do hereby extend to Dr. Maurice Swinney our thanks for his faithful service and offer our most sincere gratitude for his contributions to the Chicago Public Schools and the children of Chicago; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Dr. Maurice R. Swinney.