

May 25, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING KATHRYN M. ELLIS
CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE CHICAGO BOARD OF EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, after serving the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for nearly 14 years with faithful service and dedication, Kathryn M. Ellis will be resigning from the nation's third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, at the time of her departure Kathryn M. Ellis was the Chief of Staff to the Chicago Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of Staff to the Board Kathryn M. Ellis served as a strategic partner to support Board Members in their oversight and management of CPS, increased Board Member capacity by deepening their understanding of the education space and key CPS issues, and represented the Chicago Board of Education before varied internal and external partners regarding district programs, projects and policies; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn M. Ellis also served as the Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chicago Board of Education where she managed the day to day operations of the board office, built effective, productive relationships with stakeholders and served as key support to the Chief of Staff and Board Members, facilitated monthly office hours between board members and the public, assisted management in preparation of briefing materials to address Board Member questions and concerns and managed information flow to ensure Board Members had equal information and everything needed to vote on agenda items; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure at CPS she also served as Executive Director of Access and Enrollment where she oversaw the application process for over 400 schools and programs, Director of Student Assignment where she was responsible for processing more than 50,000 centralized applications in the district, and Project Manager where she developed and implemented a new socioeconomic based admissions policy for selective enrollment and magnet schools at the elementary and high school levels; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career with the Chicago Board of Education and the Chicago Public Schools, Kathryn M. Ellis worked as a mission-driven leader with proven track record of inspiring a culture of excellence, leading an organization through strategic planning, transformational change management processes, and internal and external branding; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn M. Ellis will be remembered as a strong, collaborative manager that is guided by her values and passion about developing others, cultivating authentic relationships, and navigating large, complex systems, and

WHEREAS, Kathryn M. Ellis will be missed by colleagues and friends at the Chicago Board of Education and Chicago Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 25th day of May 2022, do hereby extend to Kathryn M. Ellis 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 Kathryn M. Ellis