

March 23, 2022

**RESOLUTION HONORING LINDY MCGUIRE
INTERIM CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

WHEREAS, after serving the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for ten years and the City of Chicago for over ten years, with faithful service and dedication, Lindy McGuire will be departing CPS, the nation's third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Loyola University Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire's career at Chicago Public Schools began as the Manager, City Council Relations, and Deputy Chief, Office of Policy/Department of Public and External Affairs, where she served from 2010 until 2016; and

WHEREAS, during Lindy McGuire's tenure as Manager and Deputy Chief, she orchestrated a sound strategy to maintain strong relationships with elected officials during fiscal and labor uncertainty, maintained credibility during multiple leadership changes, leveraged relationships with local elected officials, community stakeholders and outside interested parties to repurpose closed school buildings in communities across the city; and

WHEREAS, as the Deputy Chief Operating Officer/Senior Advisor, Lindy McGuire oversaw the operations for the nation's third largest school district for 350,000 students and a portfolio of 650 buildings, served as Commander of the CPS Emergency Management Team coordinating the 35 senior member cross functional team in response to the COVID-19 international pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire helped direct more than \$100 million in equity-based funding in schools in historically underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire orchestrated a nearly billion equitable capital plan, prioritizing investment in neighborhood schools, supporting programmatic enhancements in areas that had not seen investment previously; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire served as the Interim Chief Operating Officer from May 2021 until March 2022 where she was responsible for the daily operations of the country's third largest school district in a time of great strife, overseeing over 7,000 employees in the Department of Capital Planning and Construction, the Department of Facilities Management, the Department of Information and Technology Services, the Department of Nutrition Support Services, the Department of Procurement, the Department of Public Policy, the Department of Safety and Security, and the Department of Student Transportation Services; and

WHEREAS, in this role, Lindy McGuire worked to expand Chicago Connected, a partnership with businesses, community groups, government and philanthropic organizations, to provide no-cost, high speed internet access to 60,000 students and their families by leveraging Federal Emergency Connectivity Funding; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire crafted a roadmap plan and drove the execution of the distribution American Rescue Plan federal dollars to support schools' needs exacerbated by the pandemic. She directed the District's response to the COVID pandemic and developed a path to successfully return more than 330,000 students to school five days a week; and

WHEREAS, Lindy McGuire has spent over two decades working with schools, students, teachers, parents, community organizations and members, and citizens of Chicago to improve the quality of public education and quality of life in Chicago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the President and Members of the Chicago Board of Education, gathered here this 23rd day of March, 2022, do hereby extend to Lindy McGuire our thanks for her faithful service and offer our most sincere gratitude for her 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 Lindy McGuire.