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<b>Title:</b>	Congratulations extended to Angela Brito on retirement as principal of James G. Blaine Elementary School
<b>Committee(s) Assignment:</b>	

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, In 2013, James G. Blaine Elementary School's faculty, student and community welcomed Ms. Angela Brito as a Teacher. She was then named Principal in January 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito came to Blaine from Bethune School of Excellence where she provided coaching and mentoring for colleagues through observations, conferences, and co-teaching of lessons in the areas of literacy, mathematics, science, and social studies instruction before becoming Academic Director; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito thinks of herself as a lifelong learner, and brings decades of varied experience to her position as Principal at Blaine; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin where she obtained her BA in Elementary Education and continued to enrich her teaching profession by obtaining a certification in Middle Childhood Generalist from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She then went on to Concordia University Chicago where she obtained her Masters in Reading Education and National Louis University where she obtained her Education Specialist in Administration and Supervision; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito has two beautiful and wonderful children, Colin and Anna, with her amazing and supportive husband, Kevin; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito has always been intrigued by education and felt a calling to be a teacher. She began her teaching journey in Madison Wisconsin as a teacher at Emerson Elementary. Her passion for teaching was recognized and later moved to Brooklyn New York to work with Public School 10 and Brooklyn Kindergarten Society where she was instrumental in advancing teaching curriculum, instruction and engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Fate would bring Ms. Brito to Chicago where she continued to teach and engage students, parents and administrators in the summer of 2008. Her Chicago teaching experience began at Village Leadership Academy and then at Bethune School of Excellence before coming to Blaine in August 2013 as a Teacher and Assistant Principal; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito stepped up to the challenge as being Blaine's Principal in the beginning of 2017 after being Co-Interim Principal with Mr. Norcross for a few months; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito has demonstrated her dedication, love and commitment not only to her profession, but to all the Blaine students and community. Ms. Brito has shown that she will do anything for the Blaine community to prosper, even if it meant dressing up like Mr. Russell or having a lip-sync battle with teachers; and

**WHEREAS**, At Blaine, Ms. Brito has forged strong relationships with students, parents and staff to ensure students learn in an environment that values respect, rapport, and strong and engaging instruction; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito is known to only eat Cheez-Its and even has them hidden in her back office. She does occasionally accompany them with a salad; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Brito is the perfect school administrator. She arrived at school every day with a smile and ready to take on whatever challenge that day might bring. She is always approachable, helpful and professional with everyone – students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community. She is a leader, mentor, and a great example for all administrators and students; and

**WHEREAS**, June 30, 2019 will be Ms. Britos' last day at Blaine and the Chicago Public School system. She will be taking on a new role at Park Ridge Niles District 64; and

**WHEREAS**, Students and parents will miss seeing Ms. Brito every day in the halls where she has a warm smile for everyone; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and Members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, assembled this 24th day of July 2019, do hereby join the James G. Blaine School community in wishing Ms. Angela Brito well wishes in her future endeavors and know that she will be an asset in whatever road she follows even though she will be greatly missed by her Blaine family.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Ms. Angela Brito as a sign of our respect and admiration for her work at Blaine and the immeasurable impact she has had in the community as a whole.

  
Thomas M. Tunney  
Alderman, 44<sup>th</sup> Ward

  
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