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Congratulations extended to Principal Judith M. Sauri on retirement from Richards Edwards Dual Language Fine and Performing Arts International Baccalaureate School

Committee(s) Assignment:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Judith M. Sauri, has stepped down as Principal of Richard Edwards Dual Language Fine and Performing Arts International Baccalaureate School ("Edwards School") in June 2020, after 32 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council has been informed of her retirement by Alderman Edward M. Burke; and

WHEREAS, Judith received two master degrees in Education from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Educational Leadership and Administration and Supervision of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Prior to moving to Chicago, Judy graduated Cum Laude from the University of Puerto Rico eventually becoming Associate Director of the School of Business Administration at Universidad del Turabo; and

WHEREAS, In addition to graduate work, Judy completed post-graduate level programs, Scholar of the DeWitt Wallace Foundation Pathways Program and the Leadership Academy and Urban Network for Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Judith served as an apprentice principal of Marshall Metro High School, a neighborhood school with at risk students in a predominately African American community; and

WHEREAS, Judith went on to serve as Assistant Principal of Benito Juarez Community Academy High School, a Chicago Public School that serves 98% Hispanic student population in Chicago's Pilsen community; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure in the Chicago Public Schools ("CPS"), Judith also served as Assistant Principal of Josefa Ortiz de Dominguez School with a student population of over 1,000 students in the primary grades, eventually earning the trust of the CPS and appointing her as the Principal of Edwards; and

WHEREAS, Judith has much experience as a musician and performer, the result of which is evident in the important Arts programs developed at Edwards School; and

WHEREAS, Judith's current affiliations include serving as President of the Illinois Association of Multilingual Multicultural Education, Treasurer of National Association of Bilingual Education, Vice-President of the Network of Hispanic Administrators in Education, serves as a member of the Latino Advisory Committee for CPS, and received a recognition at the Dia de los Ninos Parade for outstanding commitment towards the education and development of Latino students; and

WHEREAS, through her wisdom and guidance, Judith M. Sauri has helped to craft a brighter future for the students of Edwards School; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council assembled this Seventeenth day of June, 2020, do hereby thank Judith M. Sauri for her 32 years of distinguished service to the Chicago Public Schools as Principal, and wish her the very best as she begins the next phase of her life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Judith M. Sauri.

Edward M. Burke Alderman, 14th Ward