



WHEREAS, During the following year and a half, Principal Papagianis and her faculty established a Spanish language program and participated in countless hours of intensive IB training, which culminated in the school being granted International Baccalaureate "Candidate Status," the next step before Kilmer is accredited as a fully-recognized IB World School; and

WHEREAS, Principal Papagianis supported her art and music faculty as they brought over 30 unique partnerships to Kilmer, including Lifeline Theatre, Old Town School of Folk Music, Kalapriya Dance, Opera for All, and a three-year program to produce Disney musicals, and also created a large outdoor mosaic mural with the Green Star Movement in the Spring of 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, The development of ALL children is integral to a healthy school, Principal Papagianis established Kilmer as a hub for special needs students, providing inclusive, clustered, and multi-sensory classrooms, pre-K to 8, while championing restorative justice for the entire school, resulting in student suspensions dropping from nine per hundred in 2013 to zero by 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, In less than ten years, by securing significant investments, creating countless partnerships, and initiating world-class programs, Jean Papagianis has transformed Kilmer from a failing neighborhood school into one of undeniable success and deep pride for Rogers Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Alderwoman Maria E. Hadden, the teachers, staff, students, and families of Kilmer school, and the Rogers Park community will forever be grateful for the exceptional achievements of Jean Papagianis and will deeply miss her leadership, energy, and Cougar Spirit; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That we, the Mayor and the members of the Chicago City Council, assembled this nineteenth day of April, 2023, do hereby thank Jean Papagianis for her immeasurable and transformative contributions to the Kilmer Elementary community and wish her the best in all endeavors going forward; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Jean Papagianis.



Maria E.E. Hadden  
Aldersperson, 49<sup>th</sup> Ward



Samantha Nugent  
Aldersperson, 39<sup>th</sup> Ward