

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

January 8, 2019

To recognize Principal Maisha Riddlesprigger for her contributions and services to the District of Columbia Public Schools and Ward 8 community and to commemorate her selection as District of Columbia Public Schools Principal of the Year.

WHEREAS, Maisha Riddlesprigger has been an extraordinary leader and administrator in the District of Columbia Public Schools for 9 years;

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger has worked with staff, parents, community members, and city leaders to make vast improvements at Ketcham Elementary School (“Ketcham”);

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger immediately created an entry plan and interviewed staff, parents, community members, and students to determine the best strategy to improve Ketcham;

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger worked with her staff to develop a clear mission statement and action plan and toured the community to introduce herself to parents and engage the community;

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger has consistently poured love and dedication into our schools and our community;

WHEREAS, during Principal Riddlesprigger’s time at Ketcham, her team has made significant progress with students who are considered the furthest from opportunity;

WHEREAS, since 2015, the number of Ketcham students who are proficient in math has nearly tripled and the number of students who are proficient in English language arts has doubled on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (“PARCC”);

WHEREAS, over the past 5 years, the number of students scoring a one or 2 (out of a possible 5) on PARCC decreased by 40% in math and 17% in reading;

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WHEREAS, math proficiency rates at Ketcham are now similar to more affluent schools located in Northwest;

WHEREAS, student satisfaction rates increased from 73% to 96%;

WHEREAS, Ketcham was recognized by EmpowerK12 as a Bold Performance and Improvement School for exceeding annual growth and performance expectations;

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger has worked tirelessly to ensure that all of her students have the option to choose the life or academic path they choose in life;

WHEREAS, for her efforts, Principal Riddlesprigger was named the 2019 Principal of the Year by the District of Columbia Public Schools;

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger continues to serve as an example and as an inspiration to the next generation of District of Columbia Public Schools leaders; and

WHEREAS, Principal Riddlesprigger exemplifies excellence in educational and community leadership and has a proven track record of success in improving District of Columbia schools.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Principal Maisha Riddlesprigger Recognition Resolution of 2019”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of Maisha Riddlesprigger.

Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.