

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

February 4, 2020

To celebrate and recognize Ms. Naomi Reem for 15 years as the Head of School at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital.

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem became the Head of School of Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital in 2005;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem is a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem has worked in a variety of educational settings across 3 continents, which has included time in Argentina, Israel, and across the United States;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem holds a teaching degree from the Agnon Institute in Buenos Aires, Argentina, a Bachelor of Arts from Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Israel, and a Masters in Jewish Education from Hebrew College in Newton, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, prior to serving at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School, Naomi Reem was Head of School at Sinai Academy of the Berkshires, located in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, for 7 years;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem has served as mentor at the Day School Leadership Training Institute, a program that is sponsored by AVI CHAI and the Jewish Theological Seminary to train new and aspiring heads of school;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem has served as a Board Member of the Association of Independent Maryland and D.C. Schools, where she chaired 2 accreditation teams for other Jewish Day Schools in Maryland;

WHEREAS, Naomi Reem is a member of the Executive Council for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and previously served as its co-chair for 3 years;

WHEREAS, during Naomi Reem's time as the Head of School at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School, the school saw substantial growth;

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WHEREAS, Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School received its first independent school accreditation under Naomi Reem;

WHEREAS, during Naomi Reem's tenure as Head of School Milton Gottesman's enrollment has grown from under 200 students to over 390 students, has opened an additional campus geared towards pre-kindergarten through grade one, and opened a middle school program that extends through grade eight;

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Naomi Reem, Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School has adopted new curricular initiatives in General Studies, Hebrew, and Judaic Studies, earning the school recognition locally and nationally;

WHEREAS, the first middle school class will graduate at the end of the 2019-2020 academic year, a mark of the success of the school over the years;

WHEREAS, last year, Naomi Reem announced that the 2019-2020 academic year would be her last at Milton Gottesman; and

WHEREAS, the Ward 4 community is grateful to Naomi Reem for her time as Head of School at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School and is excited to see where she goes next.

**RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,** That this resolution may be cited as the "Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School Head of School Naomi Reem Ceremonial Recognition Resolution of 2020".

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia recognizes the impact that Naomi Reem has had on both the Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School and the community and wishes her luck as she takes on a new journey.

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