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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION congratulating Dr. Jennifer Collier on her appointment as Superintendent of the Kansas City Public School District.

RESOLUTION NO. 21217, April 3, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Public School District (KCPSD) Board of Education unanimously voted to appoint Dr. Jennifer Collier as the district's superintendent on February 22, 2023, following a national search and feedback from students, staff, and families in the community; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Collier had been serving as the interim superintendent since August 2022 and was an educator in the KCPSD for twenty-three years, serving as a teacher, assistant principal, principal, Chief Human Resource Officer, and Deputy Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Collier comes from a family of educators and is very passionate about education, believing that all children deserve access to a rigorous, equitable, and culturally responsive education, as it has the power to unlock doors of experience, access, and opportunities that would otherwise be closed; and,

WHEREAS, one of Dr. Collier's most urgent academic goals is to ensure that KCPSD students are proficient readers, as she believes literacy is a social justice issue and all children, no matter their race, social-economic status, zip code, or the education level of their parents, have the right to learn to read; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Collier has built long lasting relationships during her tenure with the district where, as a classically-trained vocalist, she taught music at Northeast High School for ten years, as principal of Border Star Montessori, she dramatically improved English Language Arts scores and school attendance, and as Chief Human Resource Officer she established a recruitment/retention team to attract and hire top certified talent to KCPSD, and was able to increase the number of teachers of color; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Collier is driven by purpose, inspired to make a difference and determined that, with a focus on literacy, math, and culturally responsive practices, KCPSD will fulfill its mission of every child thriving socially, emotionally, and academically; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature congratulates Dr. Jennifer Collier on her appointment as Superintendent of the Kansas City Public School District and looks forward to watching her lead the district she loves.

..Enacted and Approved

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21217 of April 3, 2023, was duly passed on April 17, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature