

Board of Education of Baltimore County

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Jane E. Lichter, Chair

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RESOLUTION 2023-04

WHEREAS, Dr. Darryl L. Williams has served as Superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) with honor and distinction since July 2019; and

WHEREAS, Through his development of *The Compass: Our Pathway to Excellence*, he has guided the school system toward a path of academic and operational excellence focused on raising the bar, closing gaps, and preparing Team BCPS for the future; and

WHEREAS, As a result of Dr. Williams' leadership, BCPS has weathered a once-in-a-lifetime global COVID-19 pandemic and a cybersecurity attack and, as a result, has grown in its innovative practices and collaboration across offices and agencies to meet the needs of students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Due to his focus on improving student achievement, BCPS has prepared a variety of pathways to prepare students for careers, the military, and post-secondary education, and integrated a continuous improvement process that measures the effectiveness of focused actions and supports to meet the specific needs of students, staff, and communities. As a result of strategic efforts and investments to expand student options and opportunities, BCPS has the largest percentage of students in the state of Maryland who take Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses. Dr. Williams lengthened the school day to provide additional time for learning, as well as expanded academic resources and support to students during the school day, after school, on Saturdays, and through summer programs. Under his leadership, BCPS has expanded access to dual enrollment and tuition free programs at the Community College of Baltimore County for all BCPS high school students and made significant gains in Advanced Placement exam participation and performance; and

WHEREAS, Supporting all students is Dr. Williams' first priority; he prioritized the social-emotional well-being of students by increasing the number of school counselors and social workers in schools, created the Black Boy Joy and Genius initiative to improve the educational experiences and outcomes for Black Boys in BCPS, elevated the importance of community partnerships by building a network of more than 800 system partners, launched a new program that placed safety assistants in all secondary schools; and elevated student voice and leadership; and

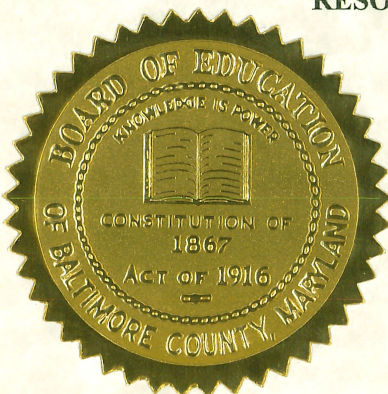
WHEREAS, Through his *I Am Team BCPS* campaign, he has brought together communities in support of the system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams' focus on equity and meeting individual student needs has resulted in the establishment of critical programs and initiatives that prioritize high-quality teaching and appropriate supports in every classroom and promote positive school climate and morale; and

WHEREAS, His unwavering commitment, steadfast advocacy, and passion in pursuit of educational excellence have served the students and families of BCPS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Education, herewith assembled in regular session on the thirteenth day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-three, expresses to Dr. Darryl L. Williams, on behalf of the citizens of this county, our deepest appreciation and gratitude for his valuable service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board does herewith extend its deepest appreciation and gratitude for his dedication, loyalty, and service, and further extends its best wishes for good health, happiness, and continued success in his future endeavors, and that a copy of this resolution be recorded among the permanent records of the Board of Education of Baltimore County.



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