

**RESOLUTION HONORING ARNALDO “ARNIE” RIVERA
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, after serving the Chicago Public Schools and the City of Chicago for 16 years with faithful service and dedication, Arnaldo “Arnie” Rivera has departed CPS, the nation’s third largest school district, to pursue other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his departure, Arnie was the Chief Operating Officer of Chicago Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Operating Officer to the Board of Education, Arnie’s commitment to the wellbeing of our students was always his north star; and

WHEREAS, Arnie led by example, emulating the CPS vision and challenging his colleagues to work tirelessly to provide a high-quality education for every student in every neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, because of Arnie’s guidance and perseverance during the unprecedented pandemic, more than 40 million meals have been served to our students, and our youth have received devices and access to no-cost, high-speed internet to ensure they can continue to learn remotely; and

WHEREAS, Arnie also led the efforts for the safe return of our students and staff members to our buildings; and

WHEREAS, Arnie oversaw increased transparency, accountability, and equity in capital funding, ensuring that capital dollars were spent in neighborhood schools in areas of the City that needed them most; and

WHEREAS, Arnie Rivera also served as a Chicago Board of Education Member, where he provided sound advice during challenging times; and

WHEREAS, during his previous tenure at CPS, Arnie served as Chief Policy Officer, where he oversaw the planning, development, and execution of state legislation and municipal ordinances that impact Chicago’s public schools ...; and

WHEREAS, Arnie also served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the CEO, where he was responsible for the planning and execution of the Full School Day initiative and the expansion of International Baccalaureate programs in Chicago’s high schools; and

WHEREAS, Arnie also served as the district’s Budget Director, where he was responsible for developing and maintaining the operating budget for CPS, totaling more than \$5 billion in spending annually.; and

WHEREAS, Arnie also served on the teams that successfully negotiated several collective bargaining agreements with the Chicago Teachers Union; and

WHEREAS, An educator at his core, Arnie’s passion and commitment to Chicago Public Schools began with his role as a first-grade Teacher at Walt Disney Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career with CPS, Arnie Rivera worked as a mission-driven leader with a proven track record of excellence; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a strong, collaborative leader who cultivated authentic relationships, worked passionately to develop others, and navigated large, complex systems; and

WHEREAS, Arnie Rivera will be missed by colleagues and friends at the Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Board of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board President and Members of the Board of Education of the City of Chicago, this 26th day of May, do hereby extend to Arnie Rivera our heartiest congratulations and offer our gratitude for his contributions to the education of the children of Chicago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a suitable copy of this resolution be made available to Arnie Rivera.