

Croton-Harmon Union Free School District
Resolution on Appointment of a Public School Educator as Secretary of Education

WHEREAS the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District's mission is to support all students in developing skills that enable them to become effective communicators, problem solvers, and researchers who are independent learners responsible for their own learning, and

WHEREAS we are committed to preserving a school system that supports achieving that mission, and

WHEREAS recent events have presented unprecedented challenges to schools, school districts, municipalities, and state governments, and

WHEREAS school districts must provide instruction to every student according to their needs and abilities, and

WHEREAS the past several years have seen continuously shifting yet growing mandates upon public schools to modify and enhance their programs, without any concomitant increase in funding or support to schools from the United States Government, and

WHEREAS dedicated funding and rationalization of mandates is needed to stabilize public school operations for the next school year and beyond, and

WHEREAS senior educational leadership in the federal government, across administrations of both major parties, has recently been provided by individuals who are not, and have never been, educators in public schools, and even by individuals who never attended a public school and whose children did not attend public schools, and

WHEREAS significant experience in public schools is a major factor in the ability of educational leaders to understand the needs of public schools and public school students, and the means and processes by which those needs may be addressed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District urges the President-elect of the United States, Joseph Robinette Biden Jr., to appoint as Secretary of Education and as senior administrator with responsibility with public education matters, individuals who have demonstrated commitment to the public education system and to enhancing the success of all students and who will ensure that public education is a priority in policy of the Department of Education.

RESOLVED that experience as a public school educator be treated as prerequisite for appointment to any senior position in the United States Department of Education pertaining to public schools and

RESOLVED that the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District calls upon the Senate of the United States to confirm such appointments promptly and without impediment, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District directs the District Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to:

President-elect of the United States Joseph Robinette Biden Jr.
The Hon. United States Senator Charles Schumer
The Hon. United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
The Hon. United States Congresswoman Nita Lowey
The Hon. United States Congressman-elect Mondaire Jones
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be posted on the website of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District, on other social media utilized by the District.

Adopted: December 3, 2020

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