

BY ALDS. KOVAC, HAMILTON, COGGS, WADE, BOHL, MURPHY, HINES

Resolution congratulating Daniel J. Donder on his retirement from Riverside University High School.

**WHEREAS,**

**DANIEL J. DONDER**

*retired with pride and satisfaction as an educator of the City of Milwaukee's youth; and*

**WHEREAS,** Daniel J. Donder exemplified what it means to be an inspiration and a guiding hand to young minds, working in education since 1977 after he graduated with a Bachelors of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and eventually earned a Doctorate in Special Education from the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana in 1986; and

**WHEREAS,** Daniel J. Donder helped to maintain a culture of high expectations for all staff and students during his tenure as principal of Riverside University High School, while supporting those who struggled, and his results included a graduation rate of 370 out of 373 seniors this past year, 88% of whom were students of color, and an 86% college attendance rate and three million dollars in scholarship money earned by his students, and he helped to close a significant deficit and developed a balanced budget; and

**WHEREAS,** Daniel J. Donder had a long and distinguished career path in education in Milwaukee, beginning in 1988 when he served at Kosciuszko Middle School and Edison Middle School, where he was assistant principal for two years, served as principal at the Milwaukee High School of the Arts, the Lincoln Center Middle School of the Arts, Sholes Middle School, and 65<sup>th</sup> Street Elementary School for the next 12 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Daniel J. Donder shared his wisdom in education with the City of Milwaukee when became Director of Strategic Planning and Community Outreach for the Milwaukee Public Schools and an adjunct professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2002, and finished his career as principal of Riverside University High School for eight years; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith congratulates Daniel J. Donder on his retirement from the Milwaukee Public Schools, extends its appreciation on behalf of the community, and wishes for him a happy and healthy retirement; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to Daniel J. Donder, an outstanding citizen.

**Introduced by Common Council members Nik Kovac, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Willie C. Wade, Jim Bohl, Michael J. Murphy and Willie L. Hines, Jr. and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on April 9, 2013.**