



PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR Shyla Kinhal

Whereas Shyla Kinhal was appointed to fill a vacancy on the District 97 Board of Education on September 28, 2021; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal spent time as a board member striving to improve the quality of instruction in our schools, pursuing more equitable student and family access to critical resources, and advocating for the needs of every child the district serves; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal played a pivotal role in the important work the board and district have undertaken and the achievements they have amassed during the past two years; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal helped to champion the implementation of the comprehensive equity policy that affirms the district's commitment to racial equity, seeks to promote a strong sense of belonging in all of our schools, and is aimed at ensuring that every student has access to an excellent and equitable educational experience; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal provided leadership and support throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and advocated for the development of a safe and equitable plan for schools; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal always sought to make the work of the board and district more visible and transparent in order to help the community better access it, understand it and contribute to its success; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal provided two years of dedicated service as board member; and

Whereas Shyla Kinhal supported the work of several key committees, including the Inter-Governmental Committee of Oak Park (IGOV) and the Policy Committee;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the District 97 Board of Education that it affirms the aforementioned accomplishments of Shyla Kinhal; and

Be It Further Resolved that the District 97 Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Shyla Kinhal for leadership in helping to build a better future for our schools and students.

Proclaimed on this 9th day of May 2023.