



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION FOR AMY FELTON

Whereas Amy Felton was appointed to the District 97 Board of Education on October 25, 2011 and was re-elected to the board by the citizens of Oak Park on April 9, 2013; and

Whereas Amy Felton's dedicated service as a member and vice president of the board, as well as her strong commitment to education, were instrumental in the hiring of Dr. Carol Kelley as the superintendent, the adoption of a vision for the district that seeks to help every child we serve realize their full potential, and the negotiation of innovative contracts with the district's four employee groups that are contributing to the continued success of our schools and students; and

Whereas Amy Felton played an integral role in the execution of an effective community-wide educate and inform campaign that was critical to the successful passage of two referenda on April 4, 2017 that will help ensure the district's long-term financial stability and create a positive learning environment for all students that is equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child; and

Whereas Amy Felton's leadership on the district's policy committee played a vital role in ensuring that the board's policies align with the law, adhere to best practices, and are being used effectively throughout the district to guide the work that is being done to foster the growth and promote the development of our students; and

Whereas Amy Felton demonstrated her steadfast belief in the importance of early childhood education and her tireless advocacy on behalf of our village's youngest learners by serving as the board liaison to the Collaboration for Early Childhood and supporting the Collaboration's ongoing efforts to establish an integrated early childhood system in Oak Park; and

Whereas Amy Felton responded to all concerns brought to her attention by the district's stakeholders, represented the board on several key committees, including the Oak Park River Forest High School Citizens' Council, the Oak Park Education Foundation, the PTO Council and the Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring, and helped identify strategies and solutions the district has implemented in collaboration with other local governing bodies and community organizations that have saved taxpayer dollars, helped our schools operate more efficiently, and provided our students with access to valuable resources that have enabled them to thrive both in and out of the classroom; and

Whereas Amy Felton and her board colleagues earned the Illinois Association of School Boards' School Board Governance Recognition designation in 2013 and 2015 based on their collective and collaborative efforts to engage in activities and model behaviors that led to excellence in local school governance in support of quality public education;

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

Be It Further Resolved that the District 97 Board of Education expresses its appreciation and gratitude to Amy Felton on behalf of the District 97 community for helping to build a better tomorrow for our students during her six years as a member of the board.

Proclaimed on this 26th day of April 2017.