

Resolution of Gratitude

WHEREAS, Duluth Public Schools employees were called upon to shift to a completely different model of instruction and student support due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency; and

WHEREAS, Duluth Public Schools faculty and staff:

- Created an at-home and virtual version of the school experience for students;
- Researched and adopted best practices for distance learning;
- Modified school spaces to reflect social distancing guidelines and adopted new cleaning strategies;
- Served over ½ million bagged meals to students;
- Delivered free meals to students and supported safe transportation to and from school;
- Kept offices and schools organized to meet the needs of families and students;
- Provided up to date health guidance, contact tracing, and disease prevention;
- Created social, emotional and mental health supports for students;
- Navigated complex employee questions from evolving directives from the federal and state level;
- Ensured the essential activities of payroll, finance, mail and printing continued;
- Addressed technological changes to the way we conduct classes and meetings;
- Reached out to help underserved families and students;
- Managed emergency childcare services and safe learning opportunities for all ages;
- Created safe opportunities for students to engage in athletics and activities;

AND WHEREAS, in honor of the inspirational work put forth by educators during this time of pandemic, the Duluth School Board joins the Goldfine Family and Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation in recognition that all Duluth Public Schools teachers are, in heart and spirit, Gold Star Teachers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Duluth School Board extends heartfelt gratitude to all colleagues, faculty and staff for their skills and heroic dedication to students, families, and the Duluth community.