

Elizabeth Doncaster

WHEREAS, *we gather to recognize and honor the career of Director of Student Services Elizabeth “Liz” Doncaster; and*

WHEREAS, *she began her tenure with Somerville Public Schools on September 3, 2002, as a Kindergarten teacher at the Capuano Early Childhood Center, where she quickly established herself as a dedicated educator and advocate for young learners and their families; and*

WHEREAS, *throughout her career she embraced new opportunities to serve students, including her role as Redirect Teacher at the Kennedy School beginning in September 2015, Assistant Director of Student Services in August 2017, and Director of Student Services beginning on July 1, 2019; and*

WHEREAS, *over the course of 24 years of dedicated service, she has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to students and their families, ensuring that each individual is met with care, respect, and meaningful support; and*

WHEREAS, *her advocacy has strengthened critical systems of support across our schools, expanded access to essential services, and improved positive outcomes for countless students and families; and*

WHEREAS, *beyond her professional accomplishments, she is known for her adventurous spirit and love of boating, eclipsed only by the adoration of her two children; and*

WHEREAS, *we believe with full confidence that her legacy will continue to guide and inspire the work ahead.*

NOW THEREFORE; be it

RESOLVED: *That the Somerville School Committee publicly and proudly expresses its deepest gratitude for Elizabeth Doncaster’s service to Somerville’s educators, students, and families, that we congratulate her on an outstanding career, celebrate the difference she has made in the lives of so many, and wish her fair winds, calm waters, and every happiness in the next chapter of her journey; AND FURTHER*

RESOLVED: *That this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of tonight’s meeting, and that a framed copy be presented to Director of Student Services, Elizabeth Doncaster.*

School Committee

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