



Board of Commissioners of Cook County

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION HONORING DISTRICT 214'S INNOVATIVE STUDENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused challenging circumstances for schools and students; and

WHEREAS, school administrators, teachers, and school staff worked tirelessly to continue to provide quality schooling and support for their students; and

WHEREAS, District 214 was committed to providing innovation solutions to support their students; and

WHEREAS, as classes began to return to in-person learning and a hybrid model of teaching was adopted, District 214 wanted to provide flexibility and access for students to attend classes and activities; and

WHEREAS, District 214 Purchasing and Transportation Supervisor Nicole Hansen approached the challenge of students needing to only come to in-person for part of the school day in a unique way; and

WHEREAS, District 214 decided to run buses regularly throughout the day on fixed routes that would allow for students to get to and from school with a flexible schedule; and

WHEREAS, the new approach, inspired by public transportation, runs 65 shuttles to serve about 12,000 students in an area of almost 70 square miles; and

WHEREAS, this cost-neutral alternative was so creative that it won a Tyler Award, given by the company that provides software to make this approach possible; and

WHEREAS, the innovative spirit of this project and dedication to meeting their students' needs represents the commitment and compassion that District 214 has for providing the very best opportunities for their students, even in the most challenging of times; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby honor District 214 for their perseverance and ingenuity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to District 214 leadership and District 214 Purchasing and Transportation Supervisor Nicole Hansen.