

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION
CONGRATULATING MARY A. JENNINGS
ON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Mary A. Jennings graduated from Cheyney State College in 1967, where she received Special Education, Nursery School and Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Teaching Certifications and

WHEREAS, Mary A. Jennings began her teaching career in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and founded Camp E.C.H.O. (Exceptional Children Have Opportunities) a day camp for special needs children in Pennsylvania with her husband, Howard Jennings; and

WHEREAS, after receiving a Master of Science Degree in Education with a Certification in Special Education from Beaver College in 1981, Mary A. Jennings served as a teacher in the Downingtown Area School District in Pennsylvania for several years until she became a teacher and Administrative Intern at Springdale Elementary School and then in 1988 was named as the Principal of the New Britain Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, from 1993 through 1996, Mary A. Jennings served as the Principal of Rogers Elementary School, where she initiated a school-wide literacy program, a mathematics program and Olympiad, an Integrated Arts Enrichment Curriculum and the Saturday Scholars Program and during which time the school received the Yale University School of the 21st Century designation and grant for consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mary A. Jennings was recruited as the first Principal of New Haven Connecticut's Amistad Academy in 1999, where she remained until 2002, when she returned to Stamford as the Principal of Hart Magnet School, which received the Cornerstone Partner Certification for Responsive Classroom Instruction under her leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mary A. Jennings became the Director of Literacy and Social Studies in grades K- 12 for the Stamford Public Schools in which role she managed the GE Foundation Grant For Literacy Programs, and in 2013 she was appointed the first Director of Stamford's APPLES Early Childhood Educational Center at Rippowam School; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 29th Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford congratulates Mary A. Jennings on her career of over forty years in education and wishes her well in her retirement.

*Approved by the 29th Board of Representatives
This 2nd day of May, 2016*

Randall M. Skigen, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk