

DENVER CITY COUNCIL



Proclamation No. 24-0588 A Proclamation Celebrating Whittier ECE-8's 140th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Whittier has a long and rich history of providing a quality education for the children of Northeast Denver; and

WHEREAS, the school was named for the abolitionist poet John Greenleaf Whittier, an American quaker, poet and advocate of the abolition of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Denver's first African American teacher, Marie Anderson Greenwood, taught first grade at Whittier Elementary School in 1938. Her success opened the door to many African American teachers in the district; and

WHEREAS, Jessie Whaley Maxwell, the first African American administrator in the state of Colorado and Denver Public Schools, served as principal of Whittier from 1955 to 1966; and

WHEREAS, the original Whittier school was built in 1883 and the architect, Roeschlaub, was invited to present the plans and photographs of Whittier Elementary School at the World Industrial and Cotton Centennial Exhibition in New Orleans in 1884; and

WHEREAS, in 1885, Denver School District Number One noted that Whittier had "the finest view in Denver"; and

WHEREAS, Whittier ECE-8 has served generations of students and families from the surrounding Whittier and Five Points neighborhoods for 140 years; and

WHEREAS, Whittier is led by Principal Lynette Hall-Jones who grew up in the very neighborhood in which she serves; and

WHEREAS, Whittier students have Eagle **Pride**: They are **prepared**, they have **respect** for themselves and others, they are **involved** and contribute positively to the school, they are **determined** to succeed even when the task is hard, and they demonstrate **excellence** to the best of their ability; and

WHEREAS, Whittier is a community focused school where students are challenged, cared for, and celebrated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver celebrates and honors the 140 years of history, invigorating academic foundation and culturally rich experiences Whittier ECE-8 has brought to the Whittier and Five Points Communities and greater Denver.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to Principal Lynette Hall-Jones.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 29, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "A. Jones", is written over a horizontal line.

PRESIDENT

