



**State Board of Education Ceremonial Resolution
To Recognize Saqiyna Gray’s American Federation of State, County, and Municipal
Employees (AFSCME) *Never Quit Service Award*
CR22-12**

WHEREAS, Saqiyna Gray, a paraprofessional/small group reading specialist at Stanton Elementary School in Ward 8 and resident of Southeast DC, was awarded the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) *Never Quit Service Award*;

WHEREAS, Saqiyna Gray, known as “Ms. K” to students, families, and staff at Stanton Elementary, has been a DC Public School (DCPS) employee for over 10 years;

WHEREAS, Ms. K exemplifies the values of the *Never Quit Service Award*—showing great pride and true dedication to her work serving the students and families of the Stanton Elementary School community;

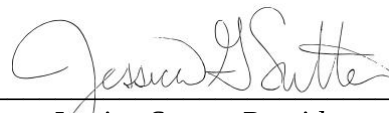
WHEREAS, as a member of AFSCME Local 2921 (District Council 20), Ms. K is known to provide a safe space to students, as well as a comforting and empathetic ear, and has been called the “heartbeat of the school”; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. K’s pullout reading therapy work with her students demonstrates the impact and value of early reading supports in the District of Columbia—especially our students most at-risk—and reaffirms the importance of the D.C. State Board of Education’s literacy work as a priority area for 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the D.C. State Board of Education celebrates and honors Saqiyna Gray for being selected as one of 1.4 million public service workers in the AFSCME union as someone who never quits.

Date Adopted: 3/16/22

Signed: _____


Jessica Sutter, President

