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Senate Resolution No. 1076

BY: Senator MAYER

HONORING Superintendent Eric Byrne upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service to the Rye City School District on June 5, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Superintendent Eric Byrne upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service to Rye City School District on Thursday, June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS, For the past eight years, Eric Byrne rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the Rye City School District; and

WHEREAS, Eric Rye has earned multiple degrees from Fordham University, including a Bachelor of Arts in Natural Science, a Master of Science in Teaching, and a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Eric Rye began his impressive career in the field of education as a high school science teacher; he later held the

positions of elementary school teacher and adjunct professor at Fordham University; and

WHEREAS, Eric Rye's meaningful life of service in education administration began in 1996 when he joined Community School District Two as its district science coordinator of grades K-12, before proudly working his way up to hold the respected positions of assistant principal and principal of the same school district; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Eric Rye held the title of principal at Pound Ridge Elementary School in Mt. Kisco, New York and at Roaring Brook School of Chappaqua Central School District in Chappaqua, New York; this beloved educator and leader assumed the role of assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction of the latter district in 2011-a position which he held dutifully for six years; and

WHEREAS, Eric Rye, at the pinnacle of his impactful career, now serves as the superintendent of schools for the Rye City School District in Rye, New York, where he has worked unwaveringly toward the betterment of the lives of all students and staff for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Some of Superintendent Eric Byrne's accomplishments at the Rye City School District include working with community members to revitalize and relaunch the Rye Fund for Education school foundation; developing a \$79.99 million capital bond proposal approved by community voters; developing strong family and community relationships through regular attendance at school, arts, and athletic events; conducting a rigorous evaluation of special education programs focused on inclusivity

leading to significant change in offerings including Integrated Co-Teaching, additional supports for students with language-based learning disabilities, and a comprehensive life skills program; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, Superintendent Eric Byrne also acted diligently to enhance means of communication between the school district and families, evaluate emergency procedures, develop a comprehensive hiring process for all professional positions, and foster the growth of cultural arts experiences within the district, among many other notable achievements; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about his work as superintendent, Eric Byrne has become a member of related organizations, such as the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, AASA The School Superintendents Association, New York Council of School Superintendents, National Superintendents Roundtable, and The Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents where he served as president from 2021-2023; and

WHEREAS, Trusted and respected for his admirable career in education administration, Superintendent Eric Byrne has been asked to deliver numerous presentations on a range of related topics for the New York Council for School Superintendents, the Ohallo Education Conference, the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, the CoSN 2016 Annual Conference, and for the Association for the Advancement of International Education; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as superintendent, Eric Byrne served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Superintendent Eric Byrne was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Rye City School District, Superintendent Eric Byrne earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Superintendent Eric Byrne upon the occasion of his retirement after eight years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eric Byrne.