

Proclamation Honoring Mr. Dan Reich

WHEREAS, Mr. Dan Reich, a dedicated educator at Lindsey Elementary School within the West Geauga Local Schools, has faithfully served the students and community for over twenty-eight (28) years, including as a director of school theatrical productions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich, together with his wife, Megan Reich, demonstrated exceptional creativity and commitment by writing and producing the original musical "*Nursery Crimes: The Case of the Rhyme Land Robber*," providing students with a unique opportunity to perform in a fully original theatrical production; and

WHEREAS, this original musical brought together beloved nursery rhyme characters in an imaginative and engaging mystery, fostering creativity, teamwork, and confidence among participating students; and

WHEREAS, more than one hundred (100) students (a record level of engagement) across elementary, middle, and high school levels participated in this production, both on stage and behind the scenes, illustrating the strong spirit of mentorship, collaboration, and community engagement within Chester Township; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 production of "*Nursery Crimes*" at West Geauga Local Schools entertained more than one thousand (1,000) ticketed spectators (a record for the annual 5th grade play); and

WHEREAS, the production provided students with invaluable life skills, including public speaking, artistic expression, and the courage to step beyond their comfort zones, contributing to their personal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich's leadership and dedication have helped sustain and grow the school's theater program, which has rebounded strongly following the challenges of recent years, now engaging a record number of student participants; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 production of "*Nursery Crimes*" also served as a heartfelt tribute to the late Jeffery McGuire and John Prexta, whose contributions to music and set design were instrumental in the creation of the original work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reich's commitment to the arts enriches the cultural fabric of Chester Township and inspires future generations to pursue creativity, excellence, and community involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Chester Township Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and honors Mr. Dan Reich for his outstanding service, creative achievement, contributions to arts, education and community, and lasting impact on the youth and families of Chester Township; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board extends its sincere gratitude and appreciation for his dedication to fostering the arts, building confidence in young people, and strengthening the sense of community through education and performance; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this recognition be entered into the official records of Chester Township and that a copy of this Proclamation be presented to Mr. Dan Reich in appreciation of his exemplary contributions.

Proclaimed this 30th day of April, 2026.



Craig S. Richter, Chairman



Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer



Ken Radtke Jr., Vice-Chairman



Brandon Davis, Trustee