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WHEREAS, Ekrem Sikel will retire From the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools on July 1, 2020 after thirty years of service as a loyal member of the McGinn Elementary School staff; and,

WHEREAS, Ekrem served as Head Custodian where his willingness to help always went beyond his job description daily to serve the students and staff of McGinn; and,

WHEREAS, Ekrem always greeted staff with his kind and welcoming smile. His charming personality showed up in all the work he performed. From helping staff members carry materials to their car or their classroom, fixing jammed copy machines, even changing flat tires in the parking lot; and,

WHEREAS, Ekrem has modeled respect, caring and concern for all people, especially the students. He loved to joke with the students, making them laugh, while making them feel safe. All the students knew his name and would look forward to getting a wave or a fist bump in the hallway. **Ekrem** made surprise appearances as "Conductor" during Band rehearsals and enjoyed playing soccer during PE class and recess. **Ekrem** shared a special bond with the students in the self-contained class, whose smiles brightened his day; and,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education recognizes and commends **Ekrem Sikel** for his outstanding service and extends to him all best wishes for good health and happiness in his well-deserved retirement.