

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia
Office of the Chief Clerk
Room 402, City Hall
Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 230309)

RESOLUTION

Honoring and congratulating the Champion of the Week, Diana Garcia, the principal of Willard Elementary in Kensington, for being the recipient of the 2023 Lindback Award for Distinguished Principal Leadership.

WHEREAS, For her noble work as Principal of Willard Elementary School, Diana Garcia has been honored with the 2023 Lindback Award for Distinguished Principal Leadership; and

WHEREAS, Garcia is the daughter of undocumented immigrants from the Dominican Republic. Garcia is a product of Philadelphia Public Schools herself, having attended Potter-Thomas Elementary, Stetson and Conwell middle schools, and Mastbaum High; and

WHEREAS, Her background and life experiences in North Philadelphia shape her leadership style at Willard Elementary where she has shown she can relate to students' struggles growing up in an underserved neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Garcia began her teaching career out of the School District's need for bilingual teachers. Since starting at Ferguson Elementary, she "hasn't looked back"; and

WHEREAS, Garcia, like many principals in Philadelphia, has had to step up in frightening times, including leading the school through a shooting that damaged school property and a community cleanup that yielded used needles; and

WHEREAS, Principal Garcia has fostered a culture of involvement and dedication among her teachers and staff who, like her, go above and beyond for all Willard Elementary students. The result is that students, who see that support, learn more; and

WHEREAS, The key to Willard's success is relationships, said Garcia, who explained that even on her worst day, a hug from a child makes the biggest difference: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That we hereby congratulate and honor the Champion of the Week, Diana Garcia, the principal of Willard

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Elementary in Kensington, for being the recipient of the 2023 Lindback Award for Distinguished Principal Leadership.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an engrossed copy be presented to Principal Diana Garcia and Willard Elementary School, further evidencing the sincere admiration and respect of this legislative body.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the twentieth day of April, 2023.

Darrell L. Clarke
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker
CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Thomas, Lozada, Jones, Driscoll, Harrity,
Brooks, Squilla, Vaughn and Gilmore Richardson