

DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education proclamation

Remembering and honoring Dr. Scott J. Helton

DUPAGE HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 88

Building Futures
**ADDISON TRAIL
WILLOWBROOK**

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton had more than 33 years of experience in education and served in a variety of capacities, including as Principal of Addison Trail High School for 11 years and as Superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 since 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton had a tremendous ability to connect with and care for students and made a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton could always be seen in the school auditorium during theatre events and music concerts and on the field or in the gym at athletic competitions, cheering on each and every student and never missed an opportunity to celebrate student success; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton believed each child could reach his or her full potential and championed student success and always put the needs of students first; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was laser focused in his pursuit of accomplishing District 88's mission to work for the continuous improvement of student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton's passion and dedication to build futures for students were second to none; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton continuously implemented programs and services to help all students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was constantly looking ahead and enhanced the district's Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a fierce advocate for equity and strived to ensure all students, staff, parents and community members felt welcome and safe and celebrated the diversity of the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton partnered and worked closely with local leaders and legislators to improve the district and community and was incredibly ingrained in the District 88 community and frequently volunteered to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was an ambassador for education at the local, county, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a loving and devoted father to his three sons, Scott Jr., Joe and Tommy; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a tremendous leader, mentor, person and friend;

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that this proclamation is presented in loving memory of Dr. Scott J. Helton. The Board of Education of DuPage High School District 88 conveys its heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Helton for more than 19 years of dedicated service to the District 88 learning community. Dr. Helton passed away on Dec. 10, 2020, and the District 88 Board of Education would like to commemorate his leadership, friendship, spirit, teamwork and commitment. Dr. Helton will be greatly missed, and his legacy will live on for years to come.

PASSED this 25th day of January, 2021.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donna Craft Cain".

Donna Craft Cain
DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blanca Jessen".

Blanca Jessen
DuPage High School District 88 Board of Education Secretary

Rich VEENSTRA

MAYOR

Proclamation

REMEMBERING AND HONORING DR. SCOTT J. HELTON

- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton dedicated 33 years to education while serving in numerous capacities, including Principal of Addison Trail High School for 11 years and Superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 since 2012; and
- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton had a tremendous ability to connect with and care for students while making a positive difference in their lives; and
- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton eagerly demonstrated his support of students by attending countless student activities including plays, sporting events, and recognition ceremonies; and
- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton encouraged students to reach their full potential and always put their needs first, while continually implementing programs and services to help all students; and
- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton's passion and dedication to building futures for students were second to none, and;
- WHEREAS*, Dr. Helton partnered and worked closely with local leaders, including the staff and elected officials of the Village of Addison to improve the District and the community, and;
- WHEREAS*, He was a tremendous leader, mentor, and friend to all of us here.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICH VEENSTRA, Mayor, do hereby present this Proclamation in memory of Dr. Scott J. Helton. The Village as a whole conveys an extremely heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Helton and his family for his 19 years of dedicated service to the District 88 learning community. He will be missed by many, but his legacy and contributions will live on throughout our community for many years to come.

READ AND PROCLAIMED THIS 18th day of January, 2021.


Mayor

ATTEST:


Village Clerk



**PROCLAMATION
REMEMBERING DR. SCOTT J. HELTON**

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton served in the field of education for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton was an advocate for students ensuring that each and every student received every opportunity available; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton was not only an educator, he was a mentor and someone who aspired to do the best for the students and the staff knowing the rewards that would evolve; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton had a tremendous ability to connect with and care for students and made a positive difference in the lives of countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton also served as a leader to his staff and strived to inspire the teachers and administrators to go the extra mile knowing the positive impact this would have on the district and the students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton's professionalism and dedication to the district and the community have made a lasting mark and will be used as stepping stones for future educators; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott J. Helton's legacy will be long remembered for all of his accomplishments in the field of education and for empowering students - the very students who will become the next generation of leaders of our country; and

WHEREAS, the future of these students is the result of Dr. Scott J. Helton's guidance, knowledge, inspiration and determination;

WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a loving and devoted father to his three sons, Scott Jr., Joe and Tommy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, convey the appreciation of our Village Board, staff and residents of our community for the unselfish outpouring of love, leadership, friendship and spirit that Dr. Scott J. Helton so willingly gave and share our most sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Scott J. Helton and School District #88 students and staff on the passing of Dr. Scott J. Helton on December 10, 2020.



Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President



Village of Villa Park

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PROCLAMATION TO REMEMBER AND HONOR DR. SCOTT J. HELTON

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WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a fierce advocate for equity and strived to ensure all students, staff, parents, and community members felt welcomed and safe and celebrated the diversity of the community; and

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THEREFORE, Be it resolved that this proclamation is presented in loving memory of Dr. Scott J. Helton. The Village of Villa Park Village Board conveys its heartfelt "thank you" to Dr. Helton for more than 19 years of dedicated service to the District 88 learning community. Dr. Helton passed away on Dec. 10, 2020, and the Village of Villa Park Village Board would like to commemorate his leadership, friendship, spirit, teamwork, and commitment. Dr. Helton will be greatly missed, and his legacy will live on for years to come.

Dated this 7 of JANU, 2021.



Albert Bulthuis
Village President

ATTEST:

Hosanna Korynecky
Village Clerk

DuPage Regional Office of Education proclamation

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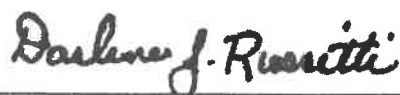
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PASSED this 25th day of January, 2021.



**Dr. Darlene Ruscitti
Regional Superintendent**





HR0962

LRB101 23335 LAW 74509 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Scott J.
4 Helton, Ed.D., who passed away on December 10, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was born on August 13, 1962;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton's career in education
8 spanned over 33 years; he worked as a science teacher, a dean
9 of students, an assistant principal, and an associate principal
10 in different schools before coming to Addison Trail High
11 School; he was the principal of Addison Trail High School for
12 11 years, where he was a common sight at sporting events and
13 theater productions; and

14 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton became the superintendent
15 of DuPage High School District 88 in 2012 and served in that
16 role until his death; he put an emphasis on working with
17 colleges and universities to expand dual-credit classes so the
18 district's students could earn college credit and get a head
19 start on their future while still in high school; he also
20 expanded opportunities for students who may have previously
21 been overlooked to take college-level Advanced Placement
22 courses; he was determined to maintain career and technical

1 classes, as well as arts and music; he strove to support the
2 school systems that feed into District 88, with the mutual goal
3 of providing a seamless transition from middle to high school;
4 before the COVID-19 pandemic forced a switch to remote
5 learning, the district had already obtained a grant from Sprint
6 to make sure that students had internet connections; and

7 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton coached youth sports and
8 served as the president of the Rotary Club in Villa Park and
9 Lombard; and

10 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was known as a leader, a
11 collaborator, a visionary, and an educator; his legacy will
12 live on within DuPage District 88; and

13 WHEREAS, Superintendent Helton was a father to three sons;
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we mourn the passing of Scott J. Helton, Ed.D., and extend our
18 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
19 and loved him; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Superintendent Helton as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.



HR0019

LRB102 10162 LAW 15484 r

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois House of Representatives wants to
3 recognize the contributions and career of Scott J. Helton,
4 Ed.D., Superintendent of DuPage High School District 88, who
5 tragically passed away on December 10, 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton had more than 33 years of experience
7 in education and served in a variety of capacities, including
8 as principal of Addison Trail High School for 11 years and as
9 superintendent of DuPage High School District 88 since 2012;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was an educator who was passionate
12 about advancing the education of students entrusted to his
13 care; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton had a tremendous ability to connect
15 with and care for students; he made a positive difference in
16 the lives of countless individuals; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton could always be seen in the school
18 auditorium during theater events and music concerts and on the
19 field or in the gym at athletic competitions, cheering on each
20 and every student; he never missed an opportunity to celebrate
21 student success; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton believed each child could reach his or
2 her full potential; he championed student success and always
3 put the needs of students first; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was laser focused in his pursuit of
5 accomplishing District 88's mission to work for the continuous
6 improvement of student achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was not merely an educational advocate
8 for District 88 but for students throughout DuPage County and
9 the State of Illinois; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton's passion and dedication to build
11 futures for students were second to none; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton continuously implemented programs and
13 services to help all students; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was constantly thinking about the
15 future and worked to enhance the district's Strategic Plan;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a fierce advocate for equity; he
18 worked to ensure all students, staff, parents, and community
19 members felt welcome and safe, and he celebrated the diversity

1 of the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton partnered and worked closely with
3 local leaders and legislators to improve the district and
4 community; he was deeply ingrained in the District 88
5 community and frequently volunteered to help those in need;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a loving and devoted father to his
8 three sons, Scott Jr., Joe, and Tommy; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton was a tremendous leader, mentor,
10 community pillar, person, and friend; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Helton will be greatly missed and remembered
12 for his leadership, friendship, spirit, teamwork, and
13 commitment; his legacy, in both his sons and the students he
14 served, will live on for years to come; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
16 HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
17 we recognize the contributions and career of Scott J. Helton,
18 Ed.D. and his more than 19 years of dedicated service to the
19 Board of Education of DuPage High School District 88; and be it
20 further

1 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
2 presented to the family of Scott J. Helton, Ed.D., and the
3 Board of Education of DuPage High School District 88 as an
4 expression of our respect and esteem.



MEMBER OF CONGRESS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY
8TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

January 14, 2021

Scott Helton, Jr.
Joe Helton
Tom Helton
c/o DuPage High School District 88
2 Friendship Plaza
Addison, Illinois
60101

Dear Scott, Joe and Tommy,

I learned only recently of the passing last December of your father, Dr. Scott Helton.

I want to share my deepest condolences with you and the entire Helton family. I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Helton a number of times in the course of my official duties, and was deeply impressed by his intelligence and commitment to the families, students and educators he served as superintendent of District 88.

I also remember his personal warmth and sense of humor.

I can only imagine the void his passing leaves in your lives, and hope that you take some comfort from memories of the time you enjoyed together, and the knowledge that many lives were shaped and made better by his service as a mentor, coach, teacher and leader.

Sincerely,

Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

RICHARD J. DURBIN

ILLINOIS

DEMOCRATIC WHIP

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510-1304

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND ADMINISTRATION

January 22, 2021

To the School Family of Dr. Scott J. Helton,

I would like to express my deepest sympathy for the recent passing of Dr. Helton. Dr. Helton was a committed educator who dedicated 33 years of service, 19 of which was spent with the DuPage High School District 88 community, nine of those years as Superintendent. Dr. Helton was a highly respected and an involved member of the DuPage High School District 88 community and he will be greatly missed by all.

During this most difficult time, may you be comforted by the love and support of your friends and family. We cannot replace Dr. Helton but we will attempt to improve our lives and live as demonstrated by his example.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Durbin
United States Senator