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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Community Schools, Thriving Students

Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Mike Hutchinson, Board President
Clif Thompson, Board Vice President

Meeting Date February 22, 2023

Subject Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Marcus A. Foster

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2223-0040 - Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Marcus A. Foster on March 31, 2023

Background In 1970, Dr. Marcus A. Foster became the first African American Superintendent selected to lead the Oakland Unified School District. Dr. Foster was a highly regarded and beloved educator who worked as a classroom teacher, principal, and district administrator for the Philadelphia Public Schools before being selected as OUSD Superintendent. As superintendent, Dr. Foster established transformative practices and processes that continue to benefit students and the entire community into the present. In September of 1973, Dr. Foster established the Oakland Education Institute, the first education foundation of its kind in all of the United States, which later renamed the Marcus A. Foster Education Institute (“MFEI”) after Dr. Foster was tragically assassinated on November 6, 1973.

Discussion In honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dr. Foster on March 31, 20223, the proposed resolution calls for the entire Oakland community to observe and celebrate Dr. Foster. The proposed resolution would also encourage continued awareness and honor of Dr. Foster and his legacy. With respect to MFEI, the proposed resolution would recognizes the District’s ongoing partnerships with MFEI, congratulate MFEI on its 50th anniversary, and recognizes MFEI’s upcoming event entitled “100 for the 100th,” a community award recognizing the contributions of 100 individuals who embody Dr. Foster’s values and principles concerning justice, equity, and accountability in education.

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachment

- Resolution No. 2223-0040 - Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Marcus A. Foster on March 31, 2023

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 2223-0040

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Dr. Marcus A. Foster March 31, 2023

WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Marcus A. Foster became the first African American Superintendent selected to lead the Oakland Unified School District;

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster was a highly regarded and beloved educator who worked as a classroom teacher, principal, and district administrator for the Philadelphia Public Schools before being selected as OUSD Superintendent;

WHEREAS, in 1970, Dr. Foster published a book entitled “Making Schools Work,” noted for its common-sense approach to improving student educational outcomes, how remarkably visionary it was, and how relevant it still is today;

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster initiated the Board Policy that brought community and staff into the process of selecting school principals, previously reserved solely for the superintendent—a best practice which continues to this day;

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster established transformative practices and processes that continue to benefit students and the entire community into the present;

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, in September of 1973, Dr. Foster established the Oakland Education Institute, the first education foundation of its kind in all of the United States, later renamed the Marcus A. Foster Education Institute (“MFEI”) after Dr. Foster was tragically assassinated;

WHEREAS, the groundwork provided by Dr. Foster advanced the work of MFEI as an incubator and fiscal sponsor for impactful new ideas, such as Kids House, a precursor to state-funded after school programs, and Enterprise Development, a business preparation program that supported the launch of a student-staffed and -managed kiosk at Oakland International Airport;

WHEREAS, Dr. Foster’s tragic death led to an outpouring of community support, including donations to the Oakland Education Institute that supported OUSD graduates to pursue and complete their college education; and

WHEREAS, MFEI has provided an estimated \$9.5 million in college scholarships to over 5,800 high school graduates from Oakland and other San Francisco Bay Area school districts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby calls for the entire Oakland community to observe and celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Foster on March 31, 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board supports and encourages continued awareness and honor of Dr. Foster and his legacy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, hereby recognizes the remarkable contributions of Dr. Foster and the benefits of the District’s ongoing partnerships with MFEI;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board congratulates MFEI on its 50th anniversary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board recognizes MFEI’s upcoming event entitled “100 for the 100th,” a community award recognizing the contributions of 100 individuals who embody Dr. Foster’s values and principles concerning justice, equity, and accountability in education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this February day of 22, 2023, by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Student Director Gallegos Chavez, Student Director Linh Le

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: VanCedric Williams, Valerie Bachelor, Clifford Thompson, Benjamin “Sam” Davis , Vice President Clifford Thompson, President Mike Hutchinson

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at the Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on February
22, 2023.

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