

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

PROCLAIMING MAY 4-8, 2009 OUSD "CHILD NUTRITION EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK"

Resolution No. 0809-0201

WHEREAS, May 4-8, 2009 is Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week in the Oakland Unified School District; and,

WHEREAS, Nutrition Services Employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state, and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District joins the non-profit School Nutrition Association in celebrating this professional commitment with a weeklong opportunity for parents, school staff, and communities to thank those who provide healthy school meals to the children of Oakland; and,

WHEREAS, For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day, providing one-third to one-half of their daily nutritional intake; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S. Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress, found that "school meals are healthy and children who eat school meals consume more fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and dairy items than children who do not eat school meals"; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District Nutrition Services employees take their duties seriously and play an integral role in upholding the high standards set forth by the district's Wellness Policy; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District Nutrition Services employees are not only trained sanitation and food safety experts, but also serve as role models and encourage children to eat well; and,


WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District Nutrition Services employees use their creativity to make school cafeterias fun and welcoming places all year long; and,

WHEREAS, Oakland Unified School District Nutrition Services employees perform their duties each day because they care passionately about the health and wellbeing of the children they serve,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District salutes the tireless effort of our Nutrition Services staff and hereby proclaim May 4-8, 2009, as Child Nutrition Employee Appreciation Week in Oakland in honor of each and every Nutrition Services employee in the District.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of May 2009 at Oakland, California.


Noel Gallo
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District


Vincent Matthews
State Administrator
Oakland Unified School District