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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Board of Education
From Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent
 By: Maria Santos, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction, Leadership & Equity-in-Action

Board Meeting Date

Subject Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1011-0055 – resolution recognizing and celebrating accomplishments of OUSD staff and schools in honor of National Family Literacy Day and declaring November 2010 as Family Literacy Month.

Action Requested Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1011-0055 – in honor of National Family Literacy Day, November 1, 2010, declaring November 2010 as Family Literacy Month and recognizing and celebrating accomplishments of OUSD’s Family Literacy Program staff and families.

Discussion The start of the 2010-2011 school year has seen the successful expansion of the Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE) Family Literacy Program to a total of 25 OUSD schools.

Family Literacy is an instructional program designed to support children’s academic achievement by assisting adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the education development of their children.

The National Family Literacy model recognizes the importance of parent learning for their effective support of childrens’ experience both in and out of the classroom. The OACE Family Literacy Program offers English as a Second Language, Basic Education and Computer Literacy for parents at their childrens’ school sites. It incorporates four components: 1) Children’s Education, 2) Adult Basic Education, 3) Parent Time, and 4) Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time; all these components are brought together to support family involvement in schools which leads to better achievement for children.

The National Center for Family Literacy has recognized Oakland Unified School District for this effort, and for the alignment between the development of Family Literacy programs and the commitment to become a Full Service Community District. This recognition has been expressed through the donation of 4,000 children’s books for distribution to Oakland’s families.

In recognition of the value of Family Literacy to OUSD children and families, and to acknowledge and celebrate the efforts and accomplishments of OACE Family Literacy staff and the schools they serve, the Board is requested to approve the attached resolution.

**Resolution of
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

No. 1011-0055

**Designating Family Literacy Day and
Family Literacy Month In the District**

WHEREAS, November 1, 2010 is celebrated as National Family Literacy Day across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is deeply committed to the Family Literacy Program offered through Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE) to "assist adults who are parents to obtain the educational skills necessary to become full partners in the education development of their children"¹; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Family Literacy Program integrates the four Family Literacy components: 1) Children's Education, 2) Adult Basic Education, 3) Parent Time, and 4) Parent and Child Together (PACT) Time; and

WHEREAS, family involvement in schools leads to better achievement for children²; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Family Literacy Program has expanded implementation of ESL Family Literacy to at least twenty five District schools in 2010-11; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Family Literacy Program promotes Computer Literacy for parents through the mobile classroom and in school computer labs; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Family Literacy Program promotes Math Literacy through 'pathways to GED' for parents at District school sites, and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Family Literacy Program is aligned with the newly developed Strategic Priorities that have been established to develop Full Service Community Schools in the District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, joined by the Superintendent of Schools, hereby designates November 1, 2010, as Family Literacy Day and the month of November, 2010 as Family Literacy Month in the District, respectively, and salutes and honors the efforts and accomplishments of the parents, guardians, caregivers, teachers, staff and administrators of the Oakland Family Literacy Program.

¹ Workforce Investment Act (WIA), 1998, Title II, the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act

² Henderson, A. (1988). Parents are a school's best friend. *Phi Delta Kappan*, 70, 148-153

Passed by the following vote:

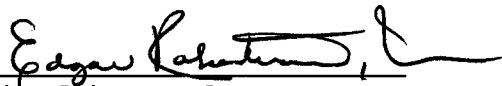
AYES: Jody London, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Alice Spearman, Vice President
Christopher Dobbins, President Gary Yee

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: David Kakishiba

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted, at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on November 17, 2010.


Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Education