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Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Sondra Aguilera, Chief Academic Officer
Kim Jones, Director, Oakland Adult & Career Education

Meeting Date April 12, 2023

Subject Resolution No. 2223-0015 - Authorizing March 19-25, 2023, as Adult Education Week for Oakland Adult & Career Education.

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of a Resolution No. 2223-0015, authorizing March 19-25, 2023, as Adult Education Week for Oakland Adult & Career Education.

Background California's Adult Education system has been in place since 1856, serving adult learners in need of basic skills, English as a Second Language, and training for jobs and careers. Established in 1871, Oakland Adult and Career Education is the second oldest adult school in California. As part of California Adult Education Week March 19-25, 2023, this Resolution honors Oakland Adult and Career Education for 150+ years of continuous adult education service to the greater Oakland community

Discussion Oakland Adult and Career Education successfully serves Northern Alameda County and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the Adult Education system. OACE provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Northern Alameda County and the surrounding communities, including classes in Healthcare Training, Computer Technologies Training, Job Preparation Classes, High School Diploma and Equivalency Programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Citizenship Classes, and more.

Fiscal Impact No Fiscal Impact

Attachment(s)

- Board Resolution

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**RESOLUTION
 OF THE
 BOARD OF EDUCATION
 OF THE
 OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
 NO. 2223-0015**

Proclaiming – March 19-25, 2023 – Oakland Adult & Career Education Week

WHEREAS, the State of California will observe Adult Education Week from March 19th through March 25th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the first class for Adult Education in Oakland began in 1871 and was taught by Fred Campbell who later became the first adult school principal and superintendent of the California school system; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Adult and Career Education (OACE) is a primary community resource for the teaching and instruction of adult literacy working in collaboration with Merritt and Laney colleges and the Northern Alameda County Consortium, and many community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, Adult education in California overcame its biggest challenge as a result of the severe economic crisis facing both the state and the nation in 2008-2009. Funding that was previously reserved to adult education was redistributed to other levels of education in the state, resulting in many adult schools decreasing in size and some closing; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 600,000 adult learners enrolled in ESL classes at Adult Schools across California that are in the age-range to have children in our public school system. The impact of adult education is felt across generations, particularly for early childhood learners who have been characterized as a priority of the Governor and Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Adult and Career Education successfully serves Northern Alameda County and the surrounding communities through its collaboration with its community college partners and community-based organizations through the Adult Education system. OACE served 932 students in the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, OACE provides significant and varied classes and programs to serve Northern Alameda County and the surrounding communities, including: classes in Healthcare Training, Computer Technologies Training, Job Preparation Classes, High School Diploma and Equivalency Programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Citizenship Classes, and more; and

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WHEREAS, OACE served 277 students in the High School Diploma and GED Programs in the 2021-22 school year. The programs help minimize the high school dropout rate. 9 students earned their high school diploma, and 13 students earned their GED in the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, OACE served 575 students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Program in the 2021-22 school year, and parents enrolled in ESL classes learn how to assist their children with school work and dedicate several hours a year tutoring their own children; and

WHEREAS, OACE provides a safe environment for its students free from discrimination or bullying regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, amid the COVID-19 pandemic OACE continued to provide critical programming and services to our adult education students and their families via literacy and basic skills to help ensure our K12 students were successful as they navigated the challenge of distance learning to finish the school year;

WHEREAS, amid the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing today, OACE provides important short term career training programs, including for critical healthcare positions, to address both the short- and long-term impacts and to respond to Governor Newsom’s charge to meet the moment and address the needs of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Oakland Unified School District strongly supports supporting Adult Education as an important part of the Oakland School District.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Oakland Unified School District strongly urges the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, and the California Legislature to recognize the important role of K12 Adult Education in addressing the needs of our communities in the short and long term and to increase access to programs and services for the most in-need and not yet reached members of our great State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby declared the week of March 19th through March 25th, 2023 to be Adult Education Week.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

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AYES: Benjamin "Sam" Davis, Jennifer Brouhard, VanCedric Williams, Valarie Bachelor, Vice President Clifford Thompson

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: (Vacancy), President Mike Hutchinson, Linh Lee (Student Director), Natalie Gallegos Chavez (Student Director)

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, held on April 12, 2023.

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

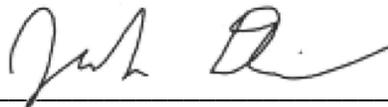


Mike Hutchinson
President, Board of Education



Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Secretary, Board of Education

Approve as to form:



Joshua R. Daniels
Chief Governance Officer