

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

**HONORING STUDENTS RUN OAKLAND FOR VALUABLE WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE PHYSICAL
FITNESS AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF OAKLAND'S STUDENTS**

Resolution No. 0910-0172

WHEREAS, Students Run Oakland (SRO) is a unique youth development program which works to improve the overall health of young people through structured physical fitness training, mentoring, and nutrition education. SRO uses the challenge of training for a marathon to help students develop long-term goals, improve their health, and overcome obstacles, all free of cost to the students; and,

WHEREAS, SRO builds confidence, resiliency skills, and reinforces the values of commitment and hard work. Oakland students are able to draw on these values to boost their achievement in academics and other areas throughout their lives; and,

WHEREAS, SRO has targeted underserved students attending Oakland's public high schools. Both genders are represented in SRO, and the students' race and ethnicity reflect the diversity of our schools. Most students served by SRO come from low-income families living in neighborhoods with high rates of violence and substance abuse, and many will be the first in their family to earn a high school degree; and,

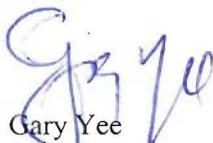
WHEREAS, In the past two years SRO has worked with students at the Castlemont Community of Small Schools (East Oakland School of the Arts, Castlemont Business and Information Technology School, Leadership Preparatory School), Far West High School, Ruidsdale Continuation School, and Oakland Technical High School; and,

WHEREAS, During the six-month training season, students commit to participate in after-school group runs and cross-training sessions, and longer weekend runs on Bay Area trails or in Bay Area races. Training and racing at different locations gives students an opportunity to explore scenic areas of the Bay Area unknown to most of them; to meet peers from other schools; to build relationships with the adult volunteer mentors; and,

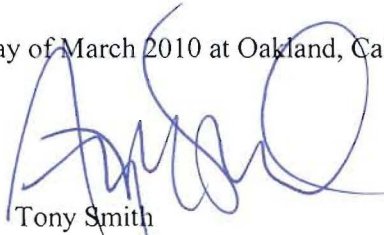
WHEREAS, SRO generously provides participating graduating college-bound seniors with scholarship opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District thank and salute Students Run Oakland for providing exceptional services in support of our young people.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 10th day of March 2010 at Oakland, California.



Gary Yee
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District



Tony Smith
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

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