

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Anthony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent  
Brigitte Marshall, Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Services and Support

SUBJECT: Application for One (1) Local Assignment Option Permit - High School Science Physics

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0070 for one (1) Local Assignment Option Permit, High School Science Physics teacher, to provide physics instruction in the District and obtain No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher status.

**BACKGROUND**

California Education Code, Section 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 shall allow the Governing Board of Education to assign a teacher, with his/her consent, to a position outside his/her credential authorization when specifically authorized by law or regulation, and in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Administrator's Assignment Manual. Assignments made pursuant to Education Code 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 shall be approved by Board resolution. In such cases, the Superintendent or designee shall reference in District records the statute or regulation under which the assignment is authorized.

**DISCUSSION**

The Board of Education may approve Local Assignment Option Permits for a certificated employee to work. The current request is for One (1) Local Assignment Option Permit, High School Science Physics teacher to provide instruction in the District and obtain No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher status.

Parker Merrill, Physics Teacher, Oakland Tech High School, Grades 9-12. He has been teaching in Oakland Unified School District since 1974. Mr. Merrill has a Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Arts from Trenton State College and acquired subject matter mastery by attending San Francisco State University, Ottawa University, California State Hayward, University of California Berkeley, California Lutheran College and Fresno Pacific University.

Mr. Parker Merrill founded the Oakland Technical High Engineering Academy in 1986. The Oakland Technical High Engineering Academy, is dedicated to teaching students the mechanics of physics through a unique combination of academic and vocational courses. The Engineering Academy offers an innovative and rigorous project-based curriculum for students interested in topics related to master physics mechanics. The Academy's goal is for students to master physics mechanics by pursuing courses which are a unique combination of both academic and vocational studies. Expectations at each level are that students will demonstrate a clear mastery of complex visualization, design, mathematical, scientific, and technical skills. Each course is scheduled in a sequence to optimize student success and to provide exposure to professional opportunities in the fields of engineering and architecture. For each Academy course, students spend several months preparing engineering -related projects to be entered in local, county, and state-level competitions. Coursework includes: traditional

and computer-aided drafting; design a house and build a model for the Oakland Rotary Club Annual Design Contest; use advanced CAD software to construct 3-D models; college level statics and dynamics. Many of the students in the Engineering Academy go on to four year colleges, including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, Columbia, UC Berkeley, and MIT.

Mr. Parker Merrill received the KPIX National Teacher of the Year Jefferson Award in September 2011.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.


**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0070 for one (1) Local Assignment Option Permit, High School Science Physics teacher, to provide physics instruction in the District and obtain No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher status.

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**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 1112-0070**

- Application for One (1) Local Assignment Option Permit - High School Science Physics -

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**WHEREAS**, California Education Code, Section 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 allows the Board of Education to employ an individual with his/her consent, to a position outside his/her credential authorization when specifically authorized by law or regulation, and in accordance with the local teaching assignment options described in the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's Administrator's Assignment Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, California Education Code, Section 44256, 44258.2, and 44263 provides flexibility to enable employing agencies to more easily employ qualified individuals to serve in this shortage area, the assignment option is voluntary and does not result in the issuance of a credential by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that approval is given supporting One (1) Local Assignment Option Permit - High School Science Physics, to be issued to the following individual so he may teach to provide instruction in the District and obtain No Child Left Behind Highly Qualified Teacher status.

- Parker Merrill, Physics Teacher, Oakland Tech High School, Grades 9-12

Passed by the following vote:


AYES: Alice Spearman, Gary Yee, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge and President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Christopher Dobbins, Noel Gallo and David Kakishiba

I 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 October 26, 2011.

  
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Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District