

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
April 23, 2014

To: Board of Education

From: Gary Yee, Superintendent
Maria Santos, Deputy Superintendent, Instruction, Leadership and Equity in Action

Subject: Selection/Designation of District 2014-15 "Teacher of the Year"

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. **1314-1075** -Designation/Selection of Alison Streich and Sarah Glasband each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2014-15 "Teacher of the Year."

BACKGROUND

Annually the District identifies and honors its own, include one or more outstanding teachers to whom we recognize and pay special tribute because of their tireless efforts, outstanding instructional skills and/or the achievements of their pupils. In Oakland Unified, the District, by tradition, annually selects two teachers each year upon which to bestow recognition as "Teacher of the Year." The District's honorees compete in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year Competition, and, if further selected, are advanced for consideration for recognition as Teacher of the Year at state and national levels, respectively.

The Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to me, as Superintendent, that Alison Streich, Learning and Curriculum Department Music Teacher, and Sarah Glasband, Advisory/Teacher at MetWest High School, each be nominated to the Board of Education for recognition as District Teacher of the Year for 2014-15. I have accepted these recommendations and herewith present them to the Board of Education for approval.

Sarah Glasband (MetWest High) is a product of OUSD schools, having graduated from Skyline High school in 1999. She reports that very early experiences accompanying her mother to class imparted a sense of passion for learning and community that can evolve from the classroom as a shared space. As a 10th grader at Skyline she realized she wished to teach, and her subsequent public school experience ranged from a middle school in Portland, an independent tuition free school in the rocky mountains of CO, a K-12 charter school and large mainstream high school in South Central LA and finally back to Oakland at MetWest High. Sara describes her life's work as creating a more just, equitable world; she is deeply invested in racial justice work and facilitating restorative justice work in the classroom with students as an ongoing part of her practice, Sarah has created a classroom environment in which students are well-managed, engaged in learning, and interact with positivity and mutual respect. Curriculum is structured for students to identify and work on projects that contribute to their development as individuals as well as to the classroom community and the Oakland community.

Alison Streich (Music, LCI) began teaching with OUSD in 1993 and joined the OUSD Music faculty in 2004. As a member of the original MILE (Music Integrated Learning Environment) program between 2004-2007, she cultivated an innovative collaboration process between classroom teachers/students and music teachers. The original musical, "The New Kid and The Bully" was created and performed at Glenview Elementary as a culmination of this work. Ms. Streich has cultivated active music education programs in Lafayette and Martin Luther King Elementary schools, creating a feeder program to the West Oakland Middle School band program. She additionally is the creator of the Oakland Spirit Orchestra which she describes has her dream come true. Ms. Streich states: "OUSD's commitment to music education has allowed me to cultivate band rooms that have grown into vital music making communities. My belief in the revitalizing power of music is renewed daily!"

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

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RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Designation/selecting Alison Streich and Sarah Glasband each, as
Oakland Unified School District's 2014-15 "Teacher of the Year".

Resolution No. 1314-1075

WHEREAS – The goal of the District’s Teacher of the Year program is to identify and honor outstanding teachers and to celebrate and pay special tribute to the tireless efforts of outstanding Instructors, and

WHEREAS – Each year the District selects two instructors as “teachers of the Year” and these teachers represent the District in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year competition, and:

WHEREAS –if selected, in the County competition one or both of these teachers will go on to compete at the State and national levels; and

WHEREAS –the District’s Teacher of the Year Team considered candidates for this recognition who were previous winners of 2013 Honoring Our Own Teaching awards; and

WHEREAS –the Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to Superintendent Gary Yee that Alison Streich and Sarah Glasband each, be recommended to the Board of Education for selection as Oakland Unified School District's 2014-15 "Teacher of the Year"; and

WHEREAS- Sara Glasband is a Humanities Teacher of 9th and 10th grade students at MetWest High School, serving as instructor and advisor, facilitator, manager and guide to students as they select and pursue internships that enhance real world skills while furthering knowledge; and

WHEREAS –Sarah Glasband has acted as leader in developing rigorous curriculum structured to allow students to identify and work on projects that contribute their development as individuals, as well as classroom community and the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS – Alison Streich joined OUSD in 1993, serving first as a Kindergarten and Special Education teacher before joining the OUSD music faculty in 2004, and

WHEREAS – During her music teaching career with OUSD Alison has been responsible for several notable accomplishments including: work on MILE (Music Integrated Learning Environment) program, an innovative collaboration process between classroom teachers/students and music teachers, formation and nurturance of active music education programs in Lafayette and Martin Luther King Elementary schools, creating a feeder program to the West Oakland Middle School band program, and the creation of the Oakland Spirit Orchestra which she describes has her dream come true;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Superintendent Gary Yee and the Teacher of the Year Selection Team, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby selects and designates Designation/selecting Alison Streich and Sarah Glasband each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2014-15 "Teacher of the Year", at the first Regular Meeting of the Board in September, 2014.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held April 23, 2014.

Gary Yee, Ed.D.
Secretary, Board of Education