

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WISH TO HONOR

**LARRY HARPER AND THE GOOD TIDINGS
FOUNDATION**

FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE FAMILIES OF OUSD

WHEREAS, the Good Tidings Foundation partners with the San Francisco Giants, Golden State Warriors, San Jose Sharks, Oakland Athletics, San Francisco 49ers, and individual professional athletes to build or refurbish facilities that benefit underserved communities; and,

WHEREAS, these renovations develop the communities they serve structurally and enable impressionable children to develop physically, emotionally and psychologically in a safe environment. This work creates family activity zones and community gathering areas where there were none. The rebuilt facilities become destinations and bring excitement and value to communities, drawing families out of their homes to engage with neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, The Good Tidings Foundation partnered with the Oakland Athletics to fund and manage the complete rebuilding and renovation of the Skyline High School baseball field—a donation of over \$70,000; and,

WHEREAS, Through December 2011 and January 2012 new grass, playing surfaces, irrigation systems, drainage systems, and backstops were installed on the Skyline baseball field; the dugouts were

repainted; and mowers and other maintenance equipment was provided to the school; and,

WHEREAS, Student athletes have been using the new baseball field throughout the 2012 baseball season for practice and for Oakland Athletic League competition. The field will also be used for summer programs, and has provided a high-quality place for children to play in the Skyline community; and,

WHEREAS, We appreciate the number of playing fields and recreational facilities the Good Tidings Foundation has created for the children of Oakland, as well as their ongoing efforts to collaborate with the schools of Oakland.

The Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District thank and salute Larry Harper and the Good Tidings Foundation for providing exceptional services in support of our young people.

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