

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

April 12, 2017

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Devin Dillon, Ph.D., Interim Superintendent
Tara Gard, Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division 

SUBJECT: Proclaiming May 10, 2017, as Oakland Unified School District's Day of the Teacher

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1617-0134 - Proclaiming May 10, 2017, as the District's Day of the Teacher.

BACKGROUND

In 1953, Eleanor Roosevelt persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day after Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte-Woodridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. California's "Day of the Teacher" arose out of legislation co-sponsored by California Teachers' Association and the Association of Mexican American Educators. Sen. Joseph Montoya wrote the bill and it was adopted in 1982. California has patterned its celebration after the traditional "El Dia del Maestro" festivities observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1617-0134 - Proclaiming May 10, 2017, as the District's Day of the Teacher.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1617-0134**

- Proclaiming May 10, 2017, as the Day of the Teacher -

WHEREAS, May 10, 2017, is Day of the Teacher in the State of California and Tuesday May 2nd is National Teacher Appreciation Day; and,

WHEREAS, as a profession and as an art, teaching has tremendous power to uplift and inspire our students to grow, think, thrive and achieve; and,

WHEREAS, every day, our teachers have an immense and positive impact on the lives of individual students; and,

WHEREAS, in every classroom and for every student, academic achievement is determined by high expectations, effort, quality instruction, academic rigor, emotional intelligence, cultural sensitivity and concern for student well being; and,

WHEREAS, every day, our teachers work hard to set high expectations, inspire effort from students, deliver quality instruction and meet high academic standards; and,

WHEREAS, our teachers guide the moral, social and educational development of young people and are therefore one of the greatest forces for positive change in the city; and,

WHEREAS, our teachers play an invaluable role, in partnership with the community, in creating an exceptional public school system, with high standards of teaching and learning for every student, high standards of service to schools and a commitment to the values of achievement, accountability and equity; and,

WHEREAS, our teachers and other certificated and classified staff are directly responsible for making the Oakland Unified School District one of the most improved districts in California; and,

WHEREAS, further improvement of Oakland schools depends on the continued dedication, skill and passion of our teachers, and on the District's ability to provide them with reliable and valuable support,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District salutes the faculty of Oakland Public Schools and hereby proclaims May 10, 2017, as the District's Day of the Teacher in recognition and in honor of each and every District teacher for his or her daily instruction and mentorship of our students. The District urges all residents of the District to honor—everyday—the contributions of our teachers.

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 passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held April 12, 2017.

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