

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

**Recognizing I'asha Warfield as an
Oakland Unified School District 2012-13 Teacher of the Year**

Resolution No. 1213-0026

WHEREAS, The goal of OUSD's Teacher of the Year program is to identify and honor superior teachers and to celebrate and pay special tribute to the tireless efforts of our outstanding instructors; and

WHEREAS, The Teacher of the Year Team and Superintendent Tony Smith recommended I'asha Warfield, a seventh grade teacher of English Language Arts (ELA) at Frick Middle School, as one of two OUSD Teachers of the Year for 2012-13, a recommendation that was unanimously approved by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield is a pillar of excellence and consistency who has created a classroom community grounded in mutual respect and high expectations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield demonstrated tremendous care, concern and skill from her first days at Frick and only exhibited remarkable and continuous growth in the years since; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield grounds her teaching in a great sense of dignity and regard for every student; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Warfield is always found in the halls between and after class, checking in with students and providing support; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield's dedication produces objective, measurable results that indicate dramatic progress, with more than 70 percent of her students achieving proficiency in writing; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield instills a love of writing as a vehicle for expression, communication and argumentation—to the point where one student in Ms. Warfield's English Language Development (ELD) class wrote, "Writing is like my friend. Paper loves it when I write on it. Writing is to express yourself even when you don't have anyone to listen."

WHEREAS, Frick Middle School Principal noted that "Ms. Warfield values student voice and instills the confidence in her students to genuinely express their ideas, thoughts and actions in a way that will improve society."

WHEREAS, Kimi Kean, Executive Officer for East Oakland schools, described Ms. Warfield as "a tremendous asset to Frick Middle School and a shining example of how relationships and rigor can create extraordinary outcomes for students."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District commend I'asha Warfield for exceptional service to the students of Oakland and recognize her as one of OUSD's 2012-13 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal the 27th day of September 2012 at Oakland, California.

Jody London
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Tony Smith
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

