

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

**Tribute to the Oakland Unified School District's
National Board Certified Teachers for 2009-10**

Resolution No. 0910-0191

WHEREAS, **Dawn James** of Skyline High, **Robin Kinney** of Leadership Preparatory High and **Deborah Lenz** of Melrose Academy completed the rigorous assessment required to earn National Board Certified Teacher status; and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Board Certified Teacher is one of the highest honors in the education profession and an indication of superior competency and dedication; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers commit approximately 600 hours to earn this distinction; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are dedicated to making knowledge accessible to all students; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers recognize the individual differences that distinguish their students from one another and take account for these differences in their practice; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers respect the cultural and family differences students bring to their classroom; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with their students' self-concept, their motivation and the effects of learning on peer relationships; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are also concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have mastery over the subjects they teach as well as a deep understanding of the history, structure and real-world applications of the subject; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have skill and experience in teaching and are extremely familiar with the skills gaps and preconceptions students may bring to the subject; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are able to use diverse instructional strategies to teach for understanding; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers deliver effective instruction and move fluently through a range of instructional techniques while keeping students motivated, engaged and focused; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers know how to assess the progress of individual students as well as the class as a whole; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers use multiple methods for measuring student growth and can clearly explain student performance to parents; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers model what it means to be an educated person – they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are familiar with learning theories and instructional strategies and stay abreast of current issues in American education; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers critically examine their practice on a regular basis to deepen knowledge, expand their repertoire of skills, and incorporate new findings into their practice; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are leaders and actively know how to seek and build partnerships with community groups and businesses; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers work with other professionals on instructional policy, curriculum development and staff development; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers can evaluate school progress and the allocation of resources in order to meet state and local education objectives; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers know how to work with parents to engage them productively in the work of the school,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District salute **Dawn James** of Skyline High, **Robin Kinney** of Leadership Preparatory High and **Deborah Lenz** of Melrose Academy for achieving the rank of National Board Certified Teacher in the year 2010.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 14th day of April 2010 at Oakland, California.

Tony Smith, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Gary Yee
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

