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**Resolution of
GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No 1112-0134

**School Portfolio Management – James Madison Middle School
Grade Configuration Change
From 6-8 to 6-12– Effective School Year 2013-2014**

WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan unanimously adopted by the Board of Education calls for restructuring that considers the number and *type* of schools the District operates; and

WHEREAS, the District currently operates three schools serving grades K-8 and one school serving grades 6-12 that are oversubscribed and maintain long waiting lists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland hosts nine charter schools serving grades K-8 and five charter schools serving grades 6-12 that are popular among families and serve approximately 4,660 students; and

WHEREAS, research indicates the benefits of extended learning opportunities and continuous relationships among adults and students that supports increased academic achievement particularly for students that require additional support, which supports the benefits of increasing school program options for families that include grade configurations that serve students longer; and

WHEREAS, the District has identified a trend in academic performance as evidenced by CST test scores demonstrating a drop in performance over-all when students make the transition from 5th to 6th grade and from 8th to 9th grade, which for some students may be mitigated by school programs that bridge these transitions; and

WHEREAS, the school quality standards approved by the Board of Education as part of the District's Five Year Strategic Plan specifically state that a Quality Central Office *"helps schools manage key student transitions between grades, among levels of schooling, and between schools,"* and

WHEREAS, the District has developed preliminary criteria to evaluate the readiness of a school proposing to change its grade configuration that includes the following:

- Demonstrated success serving the academic, social and emotional needs of students
- Staff and family interest in the proposed grade configuration change
- Staff and leadership capacity to successfully develop and implement an expanded grades program
- Facility feasibility analysis that determines the required costs associated with modifications necessary to accommodate a grade configuration change; and
- Analysis of the demographic and enrollment implications of the proposed grade configuration change; and



WHEREAS, the District has determined that James Madison Middle School has demonstrated sustained academic success in preparing students for high school and beyond as evidenced by steadily increasing student academic achievement on the California State Tests; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the staff and families of James Madison Middle School are interested in and in support of the school expanding to serve grades 6-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has set forth its intent to establish a Pre-K-12 school, beginning July 1, 2013 by incorporating Sobrante Park Elementary (K-5) with Madison 6-12; and

WHEREAS, the District is committed to providing school design support through an Expanding Grades Design process with the inclusion of a design team that involves teachers, parents, and community partners, facilitated by the Coordinator for School Portfolio Management that will ensure the development of a comprehensive Expanded School Plan by May 1, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby approves and designates James Madison Middle School, currently a 6-8 grade school, as a 6-12 grade school, effective in the school year 2013-2014 and authorizes the addition of one grade a school year, commencing with 9th grade, with the school obtaining full 6-12 grade status in school year 2016-2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools or his designee is authorized to take any and all action, save an action required of the Governing Board by law, regulation or Board Policy, to effective the foregoing.

Passed by the following vote:


AYES: David Kakishiba, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Vice President
Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Gary Yee, Alice Spearman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on January 25, 2012.


Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Education