

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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Legislative File	
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By:	

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
Tara Gard, Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Designation/Selection/Recognition – Randy Porter – for an Additional Oakland Unified School District 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0015—Designation/Selection/Recognition of Randy Porter as third Oakland Unified School District 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year.

BACKGROUND

Annually the District identifies and honors its own—including one or more outstanding teachers—to recognize and pay special tribute, because of their tireless efforts, outstanding instructional skills and/or the achievements of their students. By tradition, the District annually selects two teachers upon whom to bestow this honor. However, in the 2016-2017 school year the Teacher of the Year team selected three teachers, including Randy Porter.

Due to an internal error the District did not appropriately celebrate Mr. Randy Porter when he was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2016-2017 school year. We are committed to recognizing our outstanding teachers and are regretful that Mr. Porter was not recognized as he should have been years ago.

Unfortunately on the April 27, 2016, Resolution No. 1516-0185 Mr. Porter's name did not make it to the Board agenda for recognition. We recommend remedying this oversight and request that the Board of Education designate Randy Porter as an additional 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0015—Designation/Selection/Recognition of Randy Porter as third Oakland Unified School District 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1718-0115**

- Designation/Selection/Recognition of Randy Porter, as Third Oakland Unified School District 2016-2017
Teacher of the Year -

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

WHEREAS, due to an internal error the District did not appropriately celebrate Mr. Randy Porter when he was awarded Teacher of the Year for the 2016-2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, because District leadership is committed to recognizing its outstanding teachers and are regretful that Mr. Porter was not recognized as he should have been years ago; and

WHEREAS, since the Teacher of the Year Team also recommended that Randy Porter be recommended to the Board of Education for selection as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-2017 "Teachers of the Year"; and

WHEREAS- Randy Porter, Music Teacher at Westlake Middle School came to Westlake when it had no music program in place and has developed a thriving program, teaching six instrumental classes each day; because he welcomes former student volunteers back to his classroom to give back what they have received; and

WHEREAS – During his years with OUSD, Mr. Porter has produced two CDs of original student works, organized the first OUSD jazz and string festivals, formed and directed the OUSD Music Teacher Big Band, and created curriculum that has been used throughout OUSD and beyond, and, since 1982, has created and directed Oakland Summer Jazz – the first OUSD secondary music summer school; and

WHEREAS – Mr. Porter has built relationships throughout the Bay Area with top arts' organizations, including San Francisco Jazz, San Francisco Performances, Cypress Quartet, and Cazadero, and has brought world-class musicians to visit his classroom, and while teaching part-time at Thornhill Elementary School, he was recruited to be the first Education Director of Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, where he designed and implemented an education program which has received a national award of excellence, and has become a model for symphony education programs nationwide; and

WHEREAS – Due to Mr. Porter's dedication, commitment, knowledge and connections to community-based organizations, opportunities exist for thousands of students to flourish and enhance their possibilities of becoming more successful in school and within the community, and, because, when his students go on to high school they usually become integral their high school music programs and some continue on to universities on music scholarships;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell and the Deputy Chief Talent Officer, Tara Gard, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby also selects, designates and recognizes Randy Porter for exceptional service to the students of the District, as third of three Oakland Unified School District's 2016-17 "Teachers of the Year."

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of June, 2018, in Oakland, California.

Aimee Eng
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None
PREFERENTIAL NOE: None
PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None
PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None
AYES: Jody London, Nina Senn, Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzles, James Harris, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge and President Aimee Eng
NOES: None
ABSTAINED: None
RECUSE: None
ABSENT: Student Directors Gema Quetzal and Enasia McElvaine

CERTIFICATION

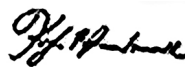
We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on June 13, 2018.

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