

Honoring Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts Drama Team of 2019-2020 for Presentation of the Drama “The Apollos”

WHEREAS, the Oakland Technical High School Class of 1981, self-named the “Apollo” Class, advocated during their entire four years of high school for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to be recognized with a State holiday, and

WHEREAS, the Apollo Class started their quest by asking why there was no holiday that recognized people of color, and

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WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 312 was signed by Governor Jerry Brown on September 3, 1981, after narrowly passing and after the Apollo Class had graduated, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day became a national holiday in 1983, when President Ronald Reagan signed it into law, and

WHEREAS, the Apollo Class has continued to tell the story of their tenacity and commitment to recognizing and celebrating people of color in our country, and

WHEREAS, the Apollo Class has continued to support students in Oakland and at their alma mater, and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts Drama Team, highlighted the Apollos for their first production of the 2019-2020 school year in the production The Apollos, conveying the personal and collective challenges their predecessors overcame, and

WHEREAS, the current students interviewed members of the Apollo class and Mr. MacArthur and used that material to develop the script for the play, and

WHEREAS, the January 2020 production was entirely student-designed and written, including music, sets, lighting, sound, and

WHEREAS, the Apollos was recognized by a range of local and national media outlets for its storytelling and respect for a historic achievement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District and the Superintendent of Schools recognize and thank the Apollo Class and the Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts Drama Team of 2019-2020 for their collaboration and commitment to bringing this important chapter of local and national history to the stage and for helping our country recognize one of our great civil rights leaders; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, and Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledges and honors the Apollo Class and the Oakland Technical High School Performing Arts Drama Team of 2019-2020 for outstanding service to the students of Oakland.

Given under our hand and the District’s seal this 12th day of February, 2020, in Oakland, California.

Jody London
President, Board of Education

Kyla Johnson Trammell
Superintendent of Schools

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

Resolution No. 1920-0203

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Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Student Directors Mica Smith-Dahl and Denilson Garibo

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Gary Yee, Roseann Torres, James Harris, Vice President Shanthy Gonzales and President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

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 February 12, 2020.

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Jody London
President, Board of Education



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Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education