

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Board of Education

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

SUBJECT: Designation/Selection – Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo - for Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 Teacher(s) of the Year

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0158—Designation/Selection of Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 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 due to their tireless efforts, outstanding instructional skills and/or the achievements of their students. By tradition, the District has annually selected two teachers upon whom to bestow this honor. This year, as measured by a District's Certificated FTE, the Alameda County Office of Education has updated its policy on the number of nominees a district can select. Beginning this year, Oakland is now able to select three teachers upon whom to bestow this honor. These honorees will go on to compete in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year Competition, and, if further selected, compete at the state and national levels, respectively.

The Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to me, as Superintendent, that Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, be put forward to the Board of Education as District Teacher of the Year for 2018-2019. I have accepted the recommendations made by the Teacher of the Year Team and recommend and request that the Board of Education selects and designates Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, as the District's 2018-2019 "Teacher of the Year." They are now eligible to advance in the County, and, if further selected, the state and national levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1718-0158—Designation/Selection of Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1718-0158**

- Designation/Selection of Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 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, each year the District selects up to three instructors, each, as "Teacher of the Year" and these teachers represent the District in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year competition, and:

WHEREAS, if selected in the County competition, one or more of these teachers will go on to compete at the state and, maybe, national levels; and

WHEREAS, the District's Teacher of the Year Team has received and considered applications from nominated candidates for District's 2018-2019 Teacher of the Year, and;

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammel that Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, be recommended to the Board of Education for selection as Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 "Teacher of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Chen, a STEM Teacher and Professional Learning Community Teacher Leader at United for Success Academy, is committed to truly interrupting inequities that affect students and families by committing to interrogating her own practices and to challenging the systems that do not serve all children. And her intention is to create a space where students feel safe to take risks, offer opposing perspectives, ask questions of each other, give and receive feedback, critique each other's' reasoning, and then revising their own thinking. She thoughtfully helps students take ownership of their learning and recognize their agency in making a meaningful impact in the world; and

WHEREAS, Micaela Morse, a 50/50 Spanish/English Dual Immersion Kindergarten teacher and founding member of the Dual Immersion Design Team at International Community School, appreciates every opportunity to provide her young learners with a safe environment full of rich educational experiences in which they can express their interests, understandings, and observations. She supports them to ask questions, make and test out predictions, and then form new understandings. As a result, they develop their voices, identities, and their agency as learners, and as students develop a sense of safety within this larger learning community, they continually take risks, try new things, and the students and their teacher grow together; and

WHEREAS, Jah-Yee Woo, 11th grade Teacher of English and U.S. History Honors and member of Ethnic Studies Leadership Team at Oakland Technical High School, supports students to discover literature and history for themselves as she challenges them to think critically, and empowers them so their voices become fully validated and nurtured. In addition, she believes the classroom space means that not only are the students learning, but so is she; she is committed to lifelong learning. Since viewing each student, each class, and each generation as unique and different and being open to learning from her students being as important to her as learning from her colleagues, she has created an intense climate for learning;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with this brief interim introduction, and upon recommendation of Superintendent Kyla Johnson-Trammell and the Teacher of the Year Selection team, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby selects and designates Cassandra Chen, Micaela Morse, and Jah-Yee Woo, each, for exceptional service to the students of the District, as Oakland Unified School District's 2018-2019 "Teacher of the Year," to be fully recognized at the first Regular Meeting of the Board in September, 2018.

Passed by the following vote:

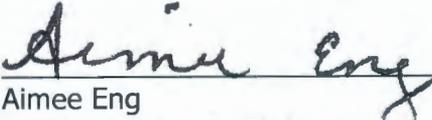
- PREFERENTIAL AYE: None
- PREFERENTIAL NOE: None
- PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: Student Director Gema Quetzal
- PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None
- AYES: Roseann Torres, Shanthy Gonzales, Jody London, Nina Senn, James Harris, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President Aimee Eng
- NOES: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- RECUSE: None
- ABSENT: None

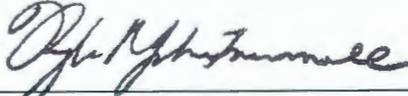
CERTIFICATION

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 March 28, 2018.

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 Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education