

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HONORING LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR ITS SELECTION AS A MULTIYEAR TITLE ONE ACADEMIC
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER**

Resolution No. 0809-0203

WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary was selected as a California 2008-09 Title I Academic Achievement Award winner, marking the fifth time in as many years the school has earned the honor; and,

WHEREAS, Lincoln's extraordinary consistency in encouraging sterling academic results from a population comprised largely of low-income and English Learner students has earned it a place of distinction as one of California's elite schools of any kind; and,

WHEREAS, The California Department of Education took particular notice of Lincoln's achievements and conferred upon it a special honor, the Title I Multiyear Academic Achievement Award; and,

WHEREAS, California is home to more than 6,000 Title I schools and just 200 of them, or 3 percent, receive a Title I Award in any given year, much less match Lincoln's streak of five consecutive years and counting; and,

WHEREAS, Title I Academic Achievement Awards salute schools whose students demonstrate strong academic performance and reinforce the belief that, given the proper conditions, all children can learn and achieve; and,

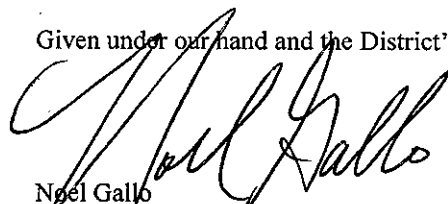
WHEREAS, Lincoln Elementary, where nearly 90 percent of the children qualify for free or reduced lunch and many students speak languages other than English at home, proves that socioeconomic or linguistic challenges need not stand in the way of excellence; and,


WHEREAS, In the words of Lincoln Principal John Melvin, the school's success can be attributed to "shared values of creativity, community and excellence; and,

WHEREAS, The strength of the extended Lincoln community and its unflagging commitment to education serves as a model for OUSD and for all of California,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District commend Lincoln Elementary School and all its supporters for proving a shining example of academic commitment, social responsibility and the possibilities inherent in Oakland's children.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of May 2009 at Oakland, California.


Noel Gallo
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District


Vincent Matthews
State Administrator
Oakland Unified School District