

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

**Recognizing Stephen Davis as an
Oakland Unified School District 2012-13 Teacher of the Year**

Resolution No. 1213-0025

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

WHEREAS, The Teacher of the Year Team and Superintendent Tony Smith recommended Stephen Davis, a Kindergarten teacher at Global Family Elementary School, as one of two OUSD Teachers of the Year for 2012-13, a recommendation that was unanimously approved by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has made a tremendous impact in his eleven years on-site, dating back to its days as Jefferson Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has demonstrated remarkable and continuous growth throughout his time in OUSD; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis has a track record of improving the behavior of some of the most challenging students by setting goals, working closely with their families and documenting every detail of social conduct and performance; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is a dedicated and innovative instructor focused on finding the right curriculum to serve student needs; and

WHEREAS, Students in Mr. Davis' class feel safe, confident, responsible, and blossom into successful scholars; and

WHEREAS, Many of Mr. Davis' students who have progressed to middle and high school return to visit him because of the unforgettable experience they had in kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is a lead teacher and supportive colleague who readily offers assistance to peers, shares his lesson planning and delivery, and is on the list of "Teachers to Observe" in OUSD; and

WHEREAS, Global Family Principal Renya Diaz noted that "Yearly, several schools send teachers to observe Mr. Davis and people leave in awe," and added that, "his teaching not only impacts students in their kindergarten year but sets the foundation and high expectations for them to achieve the rest of their academic careers."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District commend Stephen Davis for exceptional service to the students of Oakland and recognize him as one of OUSD's 2012-13 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal the 27th day of September 2012 at Oakland, California.

Jody London
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Tony Smith
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District