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

## Resolution No. 1011-0128

## Supporting March 2, 2011 Day of Action to Defend Public Education

WHEREAS, the Oakland Board of Education supports the movement to adequately fund public education and stop budget cuts at all levels - higher education through K-12, early childhood through adult education; and

WHEREAS, the historic civil rights gains that have been won in California - gains that have provided educational opportunities to millions over the last 50 years and have made California's higher education system a model for the world - are now endangered; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing cuts in funding for early childhood, K-12, and adult education are affecting the ability of the Oakland Unified School District to provide the quality of education our children deserve and the deferrals in payments to K-12 school districts similarly are having a negative impact on education for children in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, last March 4, 2010, the Oakland schools and school districts across the state played an important and positive roll - joining with the student movement that started on the UC campuses against the fee hikes and budget cuts - to unite the fight for adequate K-12 education funding with the fight against cuts in public education at all levels; and

WHEREAS, March 2, 2011 is this year's statewide day of action to uncompromisingly defend public education at all levels when students, parents, and the communities of the Bay Area and state-wide will come together to stand in solidarity with the dreams and aspirations of students and families to demand adequate funding for public education at all levels,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland Board of Education supports the March 2, 2011 Day of Action for Public Education and believes that the current inadequate level of funding for public education and ongoing cuts to public education funding constitute a threat to the future of Oakland's students and their families; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland Board of Education declares March 2, 2011 as a Day of Support for Public Education Funding and supports appropriate actions – outside of school hours - to educate our community and facilitate action to support adequate funding for public education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland Board of Education supports the Governor's Proposals around balancing the State budget and a Statewide Election to be held June, 2011; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland Board of Education in a leadership role send two or three Board Members to meet with Legislators and the Governor in Sacramento to advocate on behalf of the Oakland Schools and education.

## PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: David Kakishiba, Jumoke Hodge, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman, Vice President Jody London, President Gary Yee

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED:None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on February 23, 2011.

Edgar Rakestraw, Jr., Secretary Board of Education