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To: Board of Education

From: Tony Smith

Subject: Selection/Designation of District 2012-13 "Teacher of the Year"

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0234 - Designation/Selection of Stephen Davis and l'Asha Warfield, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2012-2013 "Teacher of the Year."

BACKGROUND

Annually the District, identifies and honors its own, include one or more outstanding teachers to whom we recognize and pay special tribute because of their tireless efforts, outstanding instructional skills and/or the achievements of their pupils.

In Oakland Unified, the District, by tradition, annually selects two teachers each year upon which to bestow this hallowed honor. The District's honorees 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, Stephen Davis, Kindergarten Teacher at Global Family Elementary and l'Asha Warfield, 7th Grade and Reading Intervention Teacher at Frick Middle School, each be nominated to the Board of Education as District Teacher of the Year for 2012-13.

I have accepted the recommendations made by the Teacher of the Year Team. I am, therefore, proud to recommend and request that the Board of Education selects and designates Stephen Davis and l'Asha Warfield, each, as the District's 2012-13 "Teacher of the Year."

Stephen Davis has made a remarkable impact during his 11 years with OUSD and demonstrated continuous and impressive growth throughout his career. He teaches dynamic lessons to an ethnically diverse group of primarily low-income students while creating and maintaining an effective learning environment that promotes autonomy and social interaction.

Mr. Davis is an imaginative teaching professional with a genuine interest in students' cognitive and social growth and places an emphasis on community building, standards-based planning, parent involvement, ESL instruction, music integration and classroom management and environment.

l'Asha Warfield has done tremendous work in her dozen years with OUSD. She is meticulous about collecting and analyzing data to drive instruction and intervention, and works closely with faculty to

create and implement a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that has been effective in raising and student achievement.

Ms. Warfield has also served as the inspirational head of Frick's Instructional Leadership Team and pursued her mission to educate children not only in OUSD's classrooms but also through extracurricular activities such as the Bay Area Writing Project and Techbridge, among others.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by Board of Education of Resolution No. 1112-0234 Designation/Selection of Stephen Davis and Lawrence Evans, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2012-2013 "Teacher of the Year".

Attachment: Resolution No. 1112-0234 - Selection/Designation of Stephen Davis and l'Asha Warfield as District 2012-13 Teachers of the Year

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

Designation/Selecting – Stephen Davis and I’Asha Warfield - Oakland Unified School District’s 2012-2013 “Teacher(s) of the Year”

Resolution No. 1112-0234

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 two instructors as “Teachers 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 both of these teachers will go on to compete at the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Teacher of the Year Team received and considered nominations from principals for District’s 2012-2013 Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to Superintendent Tony Smith that **Stephen Davis and I’Asha Warfield** each be nominated to the Board of Education as District Teacher of the Year for 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Davis has made a remarkable impact during his 11 years with District and demonstrated continuous and impressive growth throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis teaches dynamic lessons to an ethnically diverse group of primarily low-income students while creating and maintaining an effective learning environment that promotes autonomy and social interaction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis is an imaginative teaching professional with a genuine interest in students’ cognitive and social growth and places an emphasis on community building, standards-based planning, parent involvement, ESL instruction, music integration and classroom management and environment; and

WHEREAS, I’Asha Warfield has done tremendous work in her dozen years with District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield is meticulous about collecting and analyzing data to drive instruction and intervention, and works closely with faculty to create and implement a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that has been effective in raising and student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Warfield has also served as the inspirational head of Frick’s Instructional Leadership Team and pursued her mission to educate children not only in District’s classrooms but also through extracurricular activities such as the Bay Area Writing Project and Techbridge, among others.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Superintendent Tony Smith, and the Teacher of the Year Team, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby selects and designates **Stephen Davis and I'Asha Warfield**, for exceptional service to the students of District, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2012-2013 "Teacher of the Year;" with all the rights, privileges, and honors thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District shall formally honor each as "Teacher of the Year" at the first Regular Meeting of the Board in September, 2012.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES: Gary Yee, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman,
Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge and President Jody London

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: David Kakishiba and Noel Gallo

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held April 25, 2012.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Board of Education

Legislative File

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