

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

**Recognizing Lissette Averhoff as an
Oakland Unified School District 2011-12 Teacher of the Year**

Resolution No. 1112-0055

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 Lisa Averhoff, a 5th Grade teacher at Acorn Woodland Elementary as one of two OUSD Teachers of the Year for 2011-12, a recommendation that was unanimously approved by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff has made a tremendous impact in just five years with OUSD and demonstrated remarkable and continuous growth throughout her nine years as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff is a model of results-oriented instruction with a demonstrated record of closing opportunity and performance gaps for students of color; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff's sophisticated use of student learning data has helped her predominantly Latino and English Learner classes post proficiency rates of 71 percent on the English Language Arts (ELA) CST and 88 percent on the Math CST; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff develops clear lesson plans that enable her to check for on-the-spot understanding and allow enough time to differentiate by re-teaching in small groups; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff has been featured in instructional videos and is often observed by other teachers seeking to model her practice; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff is the epitome of a lifelong learner and continues to discover new and even more effective ways to address the needs of all her kids; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff is a dedicated practitioner who has dedicated her life to serving the needs of urban youth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Averhoff often stays afterschool to tutor students; sessions which became so popular she developed an alumni group that meets once a week to provide students with mentorship and additional instruction; and

WHEREAS, Acorn Woodland Principal Leroy Gaines said that, "I have seen and worked with countless teachers, and I can comfortably say that Ms. Averhoff is one of the best I ever had the privilege of knowing. She is always eager to learn and teach. Our public schools need more people like Ms. Averhoff – those who are committed to excellence and caring, and whose contributions in the classroom will make a difference to our future and to the lives of students. "

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District commend Lisa Averhoff for exceptional service to the students of Oakland and recognize her as one of OUSD's 2011-12 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal the 14th day of September 2011 at Oakland, California.

Gary Yee
President, Board of Education

Tony Smith
Superintendent

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