

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION of the OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT Resolution No. 1415-1122A

Tribute to Jessica Tucker in Recognition of Attaining National Board Certified Teacher Status

WHEREAS, Jessica Tucker, 7th grade Math Teacher at Madison Park Academy, has earned the distinction of National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Mathematics/Early Adolescence, and

WHEREAS, Designation as a National Board Certified Teacher is one of the highest honors in the education profession and an indication of superior competency and dedication; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers have mastery over the subjects they teach as well as a deep understanding of the history and real-world applications of the subject; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers know how to assess the progress of individual students as well as the class as a whole and can explain student performance to parents; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are familiar with learning theories and instructional strategies, critically examine their practice on a regular basis, expand their repertoire of skills and incorporate new findings into their practice; and

WHEREAS, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated person - they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lucinda Taylor, Principal of Madison Park Academy, describes Ms. Tucker as "an amazing teacher leader, with the unique ability to make math accessible for her students, making learning fun by delivering content energetically and creatively in an inviting environment", and

WHEREAS, Ms. Tucker is appreciated by colleagues and leadership alike at Madison Park Academy for her professionalism, intelligence, passion for her belief in education and in students, her coaching role in the transformation of Madison Park Academy's Math department, and her dedication to raising the bar of where educational professionalism should be,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Jessica Tucker for exhibiting professional excellence on a national level and for attaining the distinguished rank of National Board Certified Teacher in the 2014-15 school year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 10th Day of June 2015 at Oakland, California.

James Harris

President, Board of Education Oakland Unified School District

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