

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR AND BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**HONORING THE EAST BAY CHILDREN'S THEATRE FOR VALUABLE WORK IN SUPPORT OF THE  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF OAKLAND'S STUDENTS**

**Resolution No. 0910-0171**

**WHEREAS**, Since 1933, The East Bay Children's Theatre's main purpose has been to bring the heritage of traditional folk tales in the form of musical theatre free of charge to economically disadvantaged elementary schools in Oakland and surrounding areas; and,

**WHEREAS**, The East Bay Children's Theatre's productions strive to highlight important moral lessons that promote positive values and strengthen self-esteem of children, reaching approximately 9,000 elementary school children each year during their visits to schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, The East Bay Children's Theatre team works tirelessly to provide our children an opportunity to experience musical theatre; promote academic achievement in literacy to our low and moderate income students; expose students to new ideas that ignite their interest and their imaginations; and support a multi-dimensional learning and teaching environment in our classrooms; and,

**WHEREAS**, The secret of East Bay Children's Theatre's longevity, impact, and consistent quality is the enthusiasm and talent of the organization's volunteers who help design and create costumes and sets; handle the lighting, sound equipment, and sets; as well as perform the age-old musical folk tales for students; and,

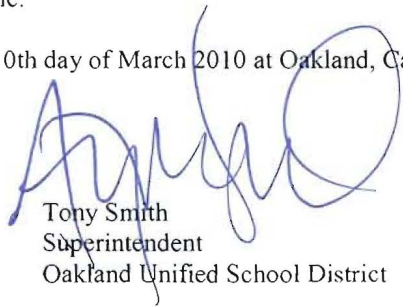
**WHEREAS**, In addition to exposing children to the many benefits of music and theatrical performances, the East Bay Children's Theatre also provides valuable assistance by sending educational packets (with a focus on the Open Court curriculum) to the schools well in advance of our performances. These educational packets contain story synopsis, vocabulary words, and lesson ideas for critical thinking activities, writing, math, science, social studies, language arts activities, and art. The educational packets also provide a bibliography that details different versions of the story from other cultures and eras; and,

**WHEREAS**, Last spring the Children's Theatre took the original musical *That's Our Snow White* free of charge, to 15 elementary schools in Oakland and Richmond. They transported and arranged sets, lighting, and sound equipment at each school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District thank and salute The East Bay Children's Theatre for providing exceptional services in support of our young people.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 10th day of March 2010 at Oakland, California.

  
Gary Yee  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

  
Tony Smith  
Superintendent  
Oakland Unified School District