

**OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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| <b>Legislative File</b> |            |
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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent  
Brigitte Marshall, Chief Talent Officer, Talent Development Division

SUBJECT: Designation/Selection—Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso—for Oakland Unified School District's Teacher(s) of the Year

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1415-1101—Designation/Selection of Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2015-2016 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 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 Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, each be nominated to the Board of Education as District Teacher of the Year for 2015-16. I have accepted the recommendations made by the Teacher of the Year Team and recommend and request that the Board of Education selects and designates Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, each, as the District's 2015-16 "Teacher of the Year."

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1415-1101—Designation/Selection Ann Park, and Johanna Paraiso, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2015-16 Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Resolution No. 1415-1101**

- Designation/Selection of Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2015-2016 Teacher(s) of the Year -

**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 applications from nominated candidates for District's 2015-2016 Teacher of the Year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to Superintendent Antwan Wilson that Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, each, be recommended to the Board of Education for selection as Oakland Unified School District's 2015-16 "Teacher of the Year"; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann Park, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher at Bridges Academy, has energetically embraced the mission of Bridges to prepare all its 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for success in middle school, leading efforts at implementing both Common Core Math curriculum and the Balanced Literacy model; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Park has consistently modeled and supported openness to new ideas and the commitment to lifelong learning, and has generously supported her colleagues through leading implementations and learning as well as sharing her own ideas and work as well as videotapes of her teaching for their information and assistance, and

**WHEREAS**, Joanna Paraiso has demonstrated exceptional creativity in her role as English Instructor at Fremont High School, utilizing technology, writing, discussion and individual work to ensure her students gain the comprehension, critical thinking and communication skills so necessary to success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Paraiso leads and serves in her school community as English department chair, a WASC team member, and a Call for Quality Schools proposal writer, was instrumental in the Architecture Academy's recent \$30,000 grant award from the LIGHT Awards for Innovation and is additionally one of only 11 teachers honored nationwide with a \$15,000 grant from Better Lesson, as a Better lesson Learning Master teacher;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, upon recommendation of Superintendent Antwan Wilson and the Teacher of the Year Selection team, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby selects and designates Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, for exceptional service to the students of the District, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2015-16 "Teacher of the Year" and shall formally honor said teachers at the first Regular Meeting of the Board in September, 2015.

Passed by the following vote:


AYES: Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzales, Nina Senn, Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Vice President  
Jody London, President James Harris

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held April 22, 2015.

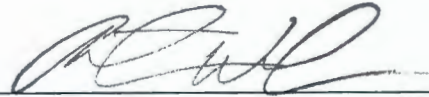
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