

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1314-0028**

**Recognition of Zachary Pitt-Smith
As Oakland Unified School District
2013-14 Teacher of the Year**

WHEREAS, the goal of Oakland Unified School District's (District) 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 is a particularly outstanding candidate chosen from amongst a competitive group of high-caliber instructors District-wide; and,

WHEREAS, Zach Pitt-Smith is a beloved and innovative teacher of instrumental music at Edna Brewer Middle School where he introduces students to world music and many other varied styles; and,

WHEREAS, during Pitt-Smith's five-year tenure in THE District, he has helped take the music department at Edna Brewer to new heights, as its instrumental groups have earned substantial, local, regional and national recognition and performed at venues such as Yoshi's and AT&T Park; and,

WHEREAS, Edna Brewer Principal Sam Pasarow who notes that Pitt-Smith is an "incredibly passionate and effective band teacher whose love for music is contagious in terms of high student engagement. The Edna Brewer band sounds as good as those that include high school musicians. Zack is committed to equity and he is an Edna Brewer treasure and Edna Brewer is lucky to have him on staff,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Zachary Pitt-Smith for stellar service to the students and City of Oakland and honor him as one of the District's 2013-14 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 11th day of September 2013 at Oakland, California.

David Kakishiba
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Gary Yee
Acting Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District