



**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

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

*Tribute to Courtney Ortega in Recognition of  
Attaining National Board Certified Teacher Status*

**WHEREAS**, Courtney Ortega, Middle School Math Specialist-Teaching and Learning, 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

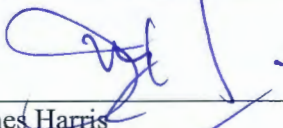
**WHEREAS**, National Board Certified Teachers are concerned with the development of character and civic responsibility and model what it means to be an educated person - they read, they question, they create and they are willing to try new things; and

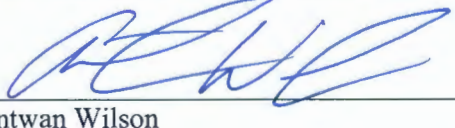
**WHEREAS**, OUSD Teaching and Learning Mathematics Department Manager Philip Tucher notes that Ms. Ortega is an outstanding middle school math and science teacher in her own right, who has dedicated this part of her career to math coaching, developing and delivering content-specific resources to support teachers in the middle grades throughout the district, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Tucher further describes Ms. Ortega as focused on building strong professional communities of practice, whether as part of a lesson study process, through TeamMath Collaborative, or looking specifically at the needs of math teachers during their induction and beginning years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education and Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Courtney Ortega 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.

  
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James Harris  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

  
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Antwan Wilson  
Superintendent  
Oakland Unified School District