

Resolution of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Tribute to Nikita Mitchell for Stellar Service Rendered
to the Oakland Unified School District in the Role of Student Director**

Resolution No. 1011-1129

WHEREAS, Nikita Mitchell has distinguished herself by serving as a Student Director of the Oakland Board of Education for the 2010-11 School Year; and,

WHEREAS, Nikita has demonstrated a high level of academic and civic commitment, excelling at Oakland Technical High School while serving in numerous leadership roles for Oakland youth and the city as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, in her role as lead strategic organizer for Youth Together, Nikita championed a district-wide initiative to encourage alternatives to punitive disciplinary policies such as suspension, expulsion; and,

WHEREAS, Nikita also advanced the interest of Oakland students through her work on the Alliance for Educational Justice and All-City Council; and,

WHEREAS, Nikita has committed herself to opposing patterns of racism and sexism which oppress individuals and undermine community; and,

WHEREAS, Nikita has been a forceful advocate for important issues such as high-quality instruction, school violence, family counseling, job placement and support programs for youth; and,

WHEREAS, Nikita's commentary at Board Meetings combined sensitivity with analytical insight and passion;

WHEREAS, Nikita has overcome significant personal challenges to become a shining example of the best of the District, in the process serving as an inspiration her younger sister and a model for all students;

WHEREAS, Nikita has exhibited outstanding leadership skills and embodied the socially conscious citizenship that the District seeks to instill in its students; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District commend Nikita Mitchell for her record of superior service to the families of Oakland's public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent express the deep appreciation of the District and the community for Nikita's noteworthy commitment to Oakland youth.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 22nd day of June 2011 at Oakland, California.

s/Gary Yee
Gary Yee
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

s/Tony Smith
Tony Smith
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District