

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

**HONORING 2009 ALAMEDA COUNTY ENGLISH LEARNER  
EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR REBECCA ABBOTT**

**Resolution No. 0809-0200**

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca Abbott, English Language Development Coach and Intervention Coordinator at Allendale Elementary School bested representatives from the County's other 18 school districts and was named 2009 Alameda County English Learner Educator of the Year; and,

**WHEREAS**, In her role as coordinator of the systematic English Language Development (ELD) program at Allendale, Rebecca oversees the testing, grouping and regrouping of students into differentiated ELD levels and coaches teachers on the best uses of instructional materials; and,

**WHEREAS**, In addition to these duties, Rebecca also works firsthand with students, thereby setting an example for all teachers on site; and

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca teaches an ELD intervention class for long-term English Learners in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade who require extra instruction; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca thoughtfully and carefully plans instruction to ensure it meets the demands of her students and works with teachers to pinpoint specific language-related student needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca converses with parents in Spanish and makes clear suggestions as to how the parents or caregivers can assist their children at home with academic work and study behaviors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Rebecca has gone above-and-beyond the call of duty, even going so far as to lend economic assistance to some of her students' families; and,

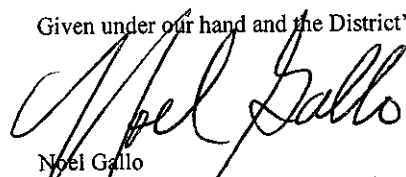
**WHEREAS**, Rebecca is a consistent voice for English Learners who takes part regularly in District trainings, and classroom observations, facilitates a Professional Learning Community (PLC) for bilingual teachers and keeps herself abreast of the latest intervention strategies and products for English learners who are struggling readers and writers; and,


**WHEREAS**, English Learner test scores, and the scores of all students, have risen dramatically in Rebecca's two years at Allendale; and,

**WHEREAS**, OUSD English Learner Program Coach Susan Tajima describes Rebecca as "unrelenting and boundlessly creative" and adds that she has "never met a more dedicated, committed and inspiring site coach",

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District commend Rebecca Abbott for her extraordinary efforts to improve education, increase inclusion and enhance the prospects of English Learner students in the City of Oakland and congratulates her on being named Alameda County English Language Coach of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of May 2009 at Oakland, California.

  
Noel Gallo  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

  
Vincent Matthews  
State Administrator  
Oakland Unified School District