

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1213-0126**

(Introduced by Director Roseann Torres)

United States Immigration Policy Reform

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District believes that what unites us as Americans is our belief in shared values and in our country, not where one is born; and,

WHEREAS, from our nation's inception, immigrant families have come to the United States for the promise of freedom and the opportunity to provide a better life for their children; and,

WHEREAS, many children who are native to the United States or are undocumented immigrants have been separated from their families due to their parents' or their personal immigration status by United States Immigration & Customs Enforcement Agency; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, by Resolution No. 0809-0050, adopted September 24, 2008, and by Resolution No. 0910-0182, adopted March 10, 2010, heretofore, has taken the position that its students, and many students of similar status, who are hardworking, who came to the state as children of undocumented immigrants, who graduate from high school, who are here to stay, and while the State of California cannot change the immigration status of such students, it is in the state's own interest to insure that these students become contributing college educated members of society; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Congress are considering legislative proposals to reform existing federal immigration policies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District urges the United States Congress and President of the United States to pass and sign a comprehensive immigration reform law that includes a common sense path toward legalization and family unification of undocumented immigrants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States Barack Obama, United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, United States Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Lee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on March 27, 2013, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

AYES: Jody London, Gary Yee, Christopher Dobbins, James Harris,
Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge and President David Kakishiba

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENCES: Roseann Torres

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board on the date and by the vote stated.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary of the Governing Board

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