

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1920-2027**

Honoring Cleveland Elementary School As a 2020 California Distinguished School

WHEREAS, Cleveland Elementary School, led by Principal Peter Van Tassell, was recognized by State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond in December of 2019 as a California Distinguished School; and,

WHEREAS, Out of 323 schools so honored, the California Department of Education highlighted Cleveland Elementary as an example in its statewide press release saying it “serves the very diverse and historically underserved city of Oakland, with a large percentage of students living in poverty and a large percentage of English learners”; and,

WHEREAS, Cleveland’s ongoing mission is to focus on the academic achievement and feelings of connectedness of African American students, English language learners, and students with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, With a diverse student body, the school community united to identify that they wanted to build a community around the shared values of inclusiveness and responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, The Distinguished Schools program recognizes schools based on performance and progress on the state indicators including test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years, therefore, awardees hold the title for two years; and,

WHEREAS, This is the second time in a row that Cleveland has won this biennial recognition; the last time was in April of 2018,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, and Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledges and honors Cleveland Elementary for outstanding service to the students of Oakland.

Given under our hand and the District’s seal this 8th day of January, 2020, in Oakland, California.



Jody London
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District



Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District