

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

**HONORING DR. KRISTAL CHIN FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDCIATION  
TO THE STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY OF OAKLAND**

**RESOLUTION No. 0809-0238**

**WHEREAS**, Kristal Chin served the Oakland Unified School District and its students, parents and staff with distinction for more than twenty-four years; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal was renowned for her kind, gentle, humble and unassuming manner, as well as for her extraordinary dedication to public education; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal was regarded as an inspiration to her colleagues and a credit to her profession while serving as a teacher at Bella Vista Elementary School, as Teacher on Special Assignment at the Office of Bilingual Education, as Assistant Principal at Garfield Elementary School, and more recently as Principal of La Escuelita Elementary School; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal was an Oakland native whose educational journey began at Lincoln Elementary and continued through Westlake Junior High, Oakland Technical High School, Laney College, the University of California, Berkeley and the University of La Verne, where she earned her doctorate while working full-time at Oakland Unified; and,

**WHEREAS**, At the Office of Bilingual Education, Kristal provided staff development training that allowed teachers to use technology as a classroom tool and spearheaded the creation of a Bilingual Instructional Assistant Conference where more than 300 paraprofessionals attended workshops and panel discussions on becoming a teacher; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal expanded the ranks of Oakland teachers by constantly encouraging paraprofessionals to return to school and earn their degrees; and,

**WHEREAS**, After many years of service at the district office, Kristal was recruited to become an Assistant Principal at Garfield Elementary School where she coordinated the ELAC and SSC committees, in addition to creating a student council and recruiting parents for adult ESL classes; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal's fine work at Garfield led to her appointment as principal at La Escuelita Elementary School, just a stone's throw from her childhood home; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal worked tirelessly as the Principal at La Escuelita and saw her efforts rewarded when the California Department of Education recognized the school with a Title I Academic Achievement Award in 2007, and again in October of 2008, when La

Escuelita received an Expect Success Academic Excellence Award for dramatically increasing student proficiency and boosting API scores by a remarkable 150 points during a four-year period; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Kristal's leadership, every teacher at La Escuelita received a laptop computer, the library was remodeled with new furniture, tables and shelves, and the school was beautified with flowers and a vegetable garden; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal also established the school's student crossing guards troop and developed a partnership with a local church, resulting in the weekly delivery of twenty bags of groceries to the school for La Escuelita families—a practice that still continues; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal led the recovery of La Escuelita and laid the groundwork for its current success before losing a battle to cancer and passing away this summer; and,

**WHEREAS**, Kristal's legacy and commitment to education will continue with the annual Dr. Kristal Chin Memorial Scholarship, provided through the Marcus Foster Education Fund to a deserving graduate of an Oakland high school,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the State Administrator and the Board of Education posthumously commend Dr. Kristal Chin for her exceptional service and leadership, her dedication to the well-being and improvement of Oakland's students, and to the betterment of this community and all its citizens.

Given under our hand and the District's seal, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 at Oakland, California.

Noel Gallo  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

Vincent Matthews  
State Administrator  
Oakland Unified School District