

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE  
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Recognizing Dr. Gary Yee for Outstanding Service  
to the Oakland Unified School District**

**Resolution No. 1314-1497**

**WHEREAS**, we honor and celebrate Dr. Gary D. Yee, an Oakland native who has served as the Superintendent of Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) for the 2013-2014 year; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee embodies over four decades of educational experiences and a lifetime of commitment to Oakland schools, having been at various times, a student, parent, teacher, assistant principal, principal, board president, and superintendent in the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD); and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee began his career in public education in 1973 when he accepted a position as a third grade teacher at Cleveland Elementary School, and continued to serve—as a science preparatory teacher at three elementary schools, a Teacher on Special Assignment for the Gifted and Talented Education Program (1983-85) an Assistant Principal at Franklin Year-Round School (1985-87), Principal at Hillcrest School (1987-90) and Assistant to the Superintendent (1992-1995); and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee continued to serve the education community as a leader in higher education, including full time faculty and administrative roles at Boston College, St. Mary's College of California, and Holy Names University, and served as the Dean of Instruction for Merritt College in Oakland, and retired from the Peralta Community Colleges as Vice Chancellor for Educational Services; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee also served the City of Oakland as an educational leader and expert, including service as the Director of the Safe Passages Public Health Initiative and the Oakland Education Cabinet; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee provided Oakland with over a decade of service on the Board of Education, starting in 2002, serving as President of the Board in 2005 and 2010, serving as the Vice President in 2005 and 2009, and serving as the Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee in 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, Superintendent Yee has also served on the boards of many Oakland organizations that serve children, youth, and their families, including Youth Alive!, Oakland Ready to Learn, California Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Faith Network of the East Bay, and Fruitvale Presbyterian Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yee family represents generations of Oakland public school education students and staff leaders, including Dr. Yee's wife, Principal Caroline Yee (deceased), his mother, and his children; and

**WHEREAS**, Gary Yee, in his capacity as the Superintendent of Oakland Unified School District for 2013-2014, has moved the organization forward significantly and powerfully in each and every area of the Board of Education's annual work plan—from the formal adoption of the district Balanced Scorecard, strategic plans for Special Education and Early Childhood Education, and policies for Quality School Development and Asset Management to the reduction of disproportionate discipline outcomes under the Voluntary Resolution Plan; from the building blocks of high quality Career Pathways for all secondary school students to the roll out of School Quality Reviews that integrates with the ESEA waiver; and from the piloting of high quality effective educator systems to the modernization of the District's school and central budgeting process to align with the new state frameworks (Local Control Funding Formula)—resulting in greater equity across the city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District salutes Superintendent Gary Yee for a lifetime of commitment to Oakland students and families.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014 at Oakland, California.

David Kakishiba  
President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District

James Harris  
Vice President, Board of Education  
Oakland Unified School District