

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1516-0034**

Recognition of Ann Park and Johanna Paraiso, as Oakland Unified School District's
2015-2016 "Teachers of the Year"

WHEREAS – The goal of the District's Teacher of the Year program is to identify and honor outstanding teachers and to celebrate and pay special tribute to the tireless efforts of outstanding Instructors, and

WHEREAS - the Teacher of the Year is a particularly outstanding candidate chosen from among a competitive group of high-caliber instructors Districtwide; and

WHEREAS – Ann Park, 5th Grade teacher at Bridges Academy, has energetically embraced the mission of Bridges to prepare all its 5th grade students for success in middle school, leading efforts at implementing both Common Core Math curriculum and the Balanced Literacy model; and,

WHEREAS – Ann has been described as an inspired and inspiring classroom teacher, combining a strong Math background and passion for mathematics with equal passion for making all learning accessible to students, regardless of their language of origin or personal challenges, never ceasing in her efforts to craft and improve tools for transmitting knowledge and creating successful outcomes for students, and,

WHEREAS - Ms. Park has contributed substantially to the continual improvement of teaching practice on the individual level as a Master Teacher, mentor and coach to dozens of young teachers; at the District level as a member of the Common Core State Standards Advisory Committee, Effective Teaching Task Force, and Joint Study Committee for Teacher Evaluation; she has also served at the State level as one of twenty-five representatives selected by the CDE to serve on the panel of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) helping develop achievement recommendations, and,

WHEREAS - Ms. Park has consistently modeled and supported openness to new ideas and the commitment to lifelong learning, generously supporting her colleagues by leading implementations, learning from—as well as sharing—her own ideas, work, and videotapes of her teaching for their information and assistance; and,

WHEREAS - Johanna Paraiso has demonstrated exceptional creativity in her role as English Instructor at Fremont High School, utilizing technology, writing, discussion and individual work to ensure her students gain the comprehension, critical-thinking and communication skills so necessary to success in the 21st century, and,

WHEREAS – On her watch, Ms. Paraiso's students have demonstrated not only achievement gains, but genuine engagement and ownership of their learning, as exemplified by the revitalization of the Senior Project resulting in a significant and student-driven synthesis of the skills, initiative, curiosity and discipline, acquired over 12 years, demonstrating their readiness to graduate into the world, and,

WHEREAS - Ms. Paraiso is an active supporter of her colleagues' continued professional growth, not only as English department chair, but across subject disciplines, as exemplified by training she designed and delivered incorporating the Socratic method to foster critical thinking and support dialectic instruction, and,

WHEREAS – Ms. Paraiso has led and served the betterment of her school community in numerous ways: as a WASC team member, as lead writer on the Call for Quality Schools proposal, as a key member in the Architecture Academy's recent \$30,000 grant award from the LIGHT Awards for Innovation, and, is one of only eleven teachers honored nationwide with a \$15,000 grant from Better Lesson, as a Better Lesson Learning Master teacher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute Ann Park and Johanna for stellar service to the students and city of Oakland and honor them as the District's 2015-2016 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 26th day of August, 2015, in Oakland, California.

James Harris

President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Antwan Wilson

Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Passed by the following vote:

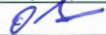
AYES: Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzales, Nina Senn, Aimee Eng, Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Vice President Jody London, President James Harris

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held August 26, 2015.

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