


OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Aaron Townsend, Deputy Chief, Talent Management, Talent Division

SUBJECT: Designation/Selection—Faustena Byrd-Linarez and Diana Culmer—for Oakland Unified School District's Teacher(s) of the Year

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1516-0185—Designation/Selection of Faustena Byrd-Linarez and Diana Culmer, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year.

BACKGROUND

Annually the District identifies and honors its own, including one or more outstanding teachers to recognize and pay special tribute because of their tireless efforts, outstanding instructional skills and/or the achievements of their students. By tradition, the District annually selects two teachers upon whom to bestow this honor. Then these honorees go on to compete in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year Competition, and, if further selected, compete at the state and national levels, respectively.

The Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to me, as Superintendent, that Faustena Byrd-Linarez and Diana Culmer, each be nominated to the Board of Education as District Teacher of the Year for 2016-17. I have accepted the recommendations made by the Teacher of the Year Team and recommend and request that the Board of Education select and designates Faustena Byrd-Linarez and Diana Culmer, each, as the District's 2016-17 "Teachers of the Year." They are now eligible to advance in the County, and, if further selected, the state and national levels.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1516-0185—Designation/Selection of Faustena Byrd-Linarez and Diana Culmer, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1516-0185**

- Designation/Selection of Faustena Byrd-Linarex and Diana Culmer, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-2017 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, each year the District selects two instructors as "Teachers of the Year" and these teachers represent the District in the Alameda County Teacher of the Year competition, and:

WHEREAS, if selected, in the County competition one or both of these teachers will go on to compete at the state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, the District's Teacher of the Year Team has received and considered applications from nominated candidates for District's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year, and;

WHEREAS –the Teacher of the Year Team has recommended to Superintendent Antwan Wilson that Faustena Byrd-Linarex and Diana Culmer, each, be recommended to the Board of Education for selection as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-17 "Teachers of the Year"; and

WHEREAS- Faustena Byrd-Linarex, kindergarten and T-K teacher at Carl B. Munck Elementary, is known for taking pride in the success of others, whether her students or fellow colleagues. A lifelong learner, she has instilled a love of learning in her students, actively mapping roadmaps to their success; has instituted "Meaning Play," through a variety of classroom centers designed to facilitate educational and social-emotional growth in the District's youngest students; and

WHEREAS – To help ensure all of her students meet the benchmarks and standards set by the District and the State of California, Ms. Byrd-Linarex has planned and facilitated professional development days for Art and ELA, taken leadership roles as Teacher-in-Charge, Leadership Team member, and mentor of student teachers; served as OEA representative; and planned and hosted "Welcome Days" for prospective parents and kindergartners; and

WHEREAS – Diana Culmer, Special Education teacher at Grass Valley has demonstrated exceptional commitment to bridging the gap between her students, their families, and the larger school community by setting high academic expectations, setting clear, rigorous standards aligned objectives and scaffolds and differentiating to help students with physical and cognitive challenges work towards these goals, and

WHEREAS – Ms. Culmer leads and serves in her school community by supporting beginning teachers, having served as a BTSA and/or intern coach for five different teachers; serving as a special education lead teacher, including leading a cohort of ten teachers; leading sections of professional development, observing new teachers, and opening her classroom to teachers in need, helping new educators understand the curriculum and the importance of teaching the grade level standards;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of Superintendent Antwan Wilson and the Teacher of the Year Selection team, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District hereby selects and designates Faustena Byrd-Linarex and Diana Culmer for exceptional service to the students of the District, each, as Oakland Unified School District's 2016-17 "Teachers of the Year," to be recognized at the first Regular Meeting of the Board in September, 2016.

Passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

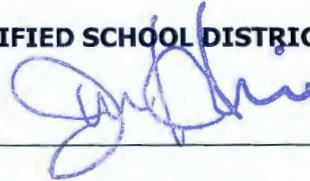
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

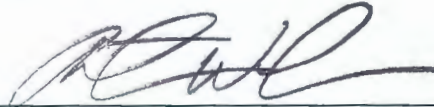
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held April 27, 2016.

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