

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 1718-0058**

- Recognition of LaRavian Battle and Stephanie Taymuree, as Oakland Unified School District's
2017-2018 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 Teachers of the Year are known as particularly outstanding candidates chosen from among a competitive group of high-caliber instructors Districtwide, and

WHEREAS – LaRavian Battle and Stephanie Taymuree, were selected as Oakland Unified School District's 2017-2018 "Teachers of the Year," and

WHEREAS – LaRavian Battle, a classroom teacher on special assignment at Sojourner Truth Independent Study, has been a teacher for over twenty years and has provided support and leadership to the OUSD community, has completed a Master's program in Educational Leadership, received National Board Certification in Adolescent and Young Adult Mathematics, and served as a coach for beginning teachers. She has presented at educational conferences and generously shared lesson ideas;

WHEREAS – Ms. Battle is well known for her efforts in emphasizing individualized blended learning via the Electronic Learning Program (ELP), which employs computer programs to make students college and career ready, permitting her students to have all the personalized resources they need to learn at their own pace; and

WHEREAS – Ms. Battle has faith that what she does to help open the minds of students in behalf of their limitless possibilities is nothing short of a true mission. She prizes her relationships and takes pride in being able to reach students with whatever creative methods are possible, including singing a song or dancing a dance! Ms. Battle treats each student as an individual. She is fully committed to the District value of *Students First*; and

WHEREAS – To ensure all students thrive, LaRavian Battle also has an unwavering commitment to the District's core value of *Equity*. She works with students from all over the District who seek a different learning environment, ensuring they receive wrap-around supports and encouragement as soon as they step inside her door. She embodies the District value of *Joy*, because the reward she finds in teaching is her greatest compensation; and

WHEREAS – Stephanie Taymuree, a classroom teacher for students with severe and moderate disabilities at Redwood Heights Elementary School demonstrates the District value of *Students First* by creating a conducive learning environment for all students with disabilities, which includes coordinating IEP meetings, organizing and developing professional development for teachers and paraprofessionals, and coaching teachers; and

WHEREAS – Ms. Taymuree considers teaching one of the most important vocations necessary to sustain a free and democratic society where every individual is valued and was taught that phenomenal teachers "teach with a vengeance," which she strives to do. Modeling *Equity*, she advocates for the rights of persons with special needs and purposeful encouragement of the development of self-determination and self-advocacy; and

WHEREAS – As a result of her model program, T.A.C.L.E. (Technology & Augmentative Communication for Learning Enhancement), the District has been able to offer appropriate education and services to a specific group of low-incidence students and families and has been a model for surrounding school districts; and

WHEREAS – Having worked in OUSD for over thirty-seven years, Ms. Taymuree has spent her entire teaching career refining what she considers her greatest accomplishment; that is, when a child who arrived in her classroom with no means of intelligible communication becomes able to share his/her feelings, thoughts, experiences, knowledge and personality using all the multimodal tools, strategies and equipment that have been carefully developed and mastered as a result of her passion and commitment. Each day as she enters her

classroom, she strives to give each student not only the gift of a "voice," but the gift of greater confidence and self-worth,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute LaRavian Battle and Stephanie Taymuree for exceptional service to the students and city of Oakland and honor them as the District's 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of September, 2017, in Oakland, California.

James Harris
President, Board of Education
Oakland Unified School District

Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent
Oakland Unified School District

Passed by the following vote:

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

NOES: None

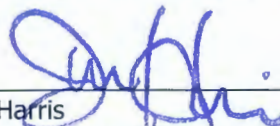
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

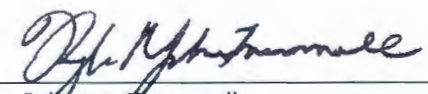
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held September 13, 2017.

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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



James Harris
President, Board of Education



Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education



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Resolution No. 1718-0058A**

**Recognition of LaRavian Battle, as one of two
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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 unflagging efforts of outstanding instructors; and

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

WHEREAS – LaRavian Battle, a classroom teacher on special assignment at Sojourner Truth Independent Study, has been a teacher for over twenty years and has provided support and leadership to the OUSD community, has completed a Master's program in Educational Leadership, received National Board Certification in Adolescent and Young Adult Mathematics, and served as a coach for beginning teachers; and

WHEREAS – Ms. Battle is well known for her efforts in emphasizing individualized blended learning via the Electronic Learning Program (ELP), which employs computer programs to make students college and career ready, permitting her students to have all the personalized resources they need to learn at their own pace; and

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WHEREAS – To ensure all students thrive, LaRavian Battle also has an unwavering commitment to the District's core value of *Equity*. She works with students from all over the District who seek a different learning environment, ensuring they receive wrap-around supports and encouragement as soon as they step inside her door. She also embodies the District value of *Joy*, because the reward she finds in teaching is her greatest compensation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute and honor LaRavian Battle for her outstanding service to the students and city of Oakland and honor her as one of two of the District's 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year.

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Resolution No. 1718-0058B

Recognition of Stephanie Taymuree, as one of two
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education and the Superintendent of the Oakland Unified School District salute and honor Stephanie Taymuree for her outstanding service to the students and city of Oakland and honor her as one of two of the District's 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year.

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