

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

Resolution No. 1819-0231

Recognizing Dora Hopson and Nadirah Stills for Leading Tours of Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**WHEREAS**, ten years ago, Ms. Dora Hopson, a Special Educator at Oakland Technical High School (Oakland Tech), identified an opportunity for Oakland Tech students to participate in annual tours of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs); and

**WHEREAS**, over the years Ms. Nadirah Stills, mother of three sons in the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), OUSD alumna, and a parent leader, including President of the Oakland Tech Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), joined Ms. Hopson in organizing and leading the tours; and

**WHEREAS**, the HBCU tours alternate annually between an Eastern tour that takes students to HBCUs and historical sites in the vicinities of Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and a Deep South tour that takes students to HBCUs and historical sites in the vicinities of Atlanta, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past several years the tours have provided this opportunity to on average 20 students each year, with about 225 students participating since the program started; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 115 Oakland students have attended or are attending HBCUs as a result of their participation in the HBCU tour; and

**WHEREAS**, the tour organizers require students to meet regularly for months in advance of the tour to learn how to choose a college, research HBCUs, develop resumes they can share with recruiters and other HBCU officials, and develop oral communication skills by presenting their research to other tour participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the tour organizers help the students develop fundraising plans to cover the costs of the tour, which is subsidized in part by the Oakland Tech PTSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the HBCU tours have in recent years been joined by students from other OUSD and Oakland charter high schools; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Hopson and Ms. Stills volunteer their time and expertise to work with the tour participants and chaperone the tours,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District and the Superintendent of Schools commend Ms. Dora Hopson and Ms. Nadirah Stills for their commitment to expanding possibilities and opportunities for Oakland students and thank them for their service to Oakland students; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we hope these tours continue for many years, so more Oakland youth can benefit from them.

Given under our hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019, at Oakland, CA.



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Aimee Eng, President  
Board of Education



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Kyla Johnson Trammell,  
Superintendent of Schools

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NAY: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSAL: None

AYE: Jumoke Hinton Hodge, Gary Yee, Roseann Torres, Shanthi Gonzles, James Harris and Vice President Jody London

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Student Directors Josue Chavez and Yota Omosowho and President Aimee Eng

### **CERTIFICATION**

We 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 on June 5, 2019.

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President, Board of Education



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Superintendent and Secretary, Board of Education