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To Board of Education

From VanCedric Williams, Board Member

Meeting Date January 13, 2021

Subject Resolution No. 2021-0034 - Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

Action Introduction of Resolution No. 2021-0034 - Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

Background There is a national movement of teachers, families, administrators, and scholars who have called for a “Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action” – a week to come together to proclaim an annual week of actions, affirmation, and solidarity. For the District, the Week would be intended to highlight, uplift and affirm the rich history and contributions of the Black community—in Oakland, the greater Bay Area, and through the county—and to cultivate in the District’s Black students a sense of pride, self-worth, and self-love. Additionally, the Week would encourage ongoing critical reflection and courageous conversations concerning systemic racism, social injustice, racial and ethnic bias and would help to affirm the right of Black students in Oakland to be treated with respect and dignity within schools and within their community.

Discussion The Resolution would proclaim that the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action would occur annually during the Month of February to coincide with, and augment, Black History Month. The Resolution also encourages and welcomes the participation of District educators and staff as well as Oakland families and students in community-based activities and events related to the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action.

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachment(s) • Resolution No. 2021-0034 - Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

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

Resolution No. 2021-0034

Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action

WHEREAS, schools should be places for the practice of equity, for the building of understanding, and for the active engagement of all in creating pathways to freedom and justice for all people;

WHEREAS, a national movement of teachers, families, administrators, and scholars have come together to proclaim an annual week of actions, affirmation, and solidarity to be called “Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action”;

WHEREAS, the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action in the District is intended to highlight, uplift and affirm the rich history and contributions of the Black community—in Oakland, the greater Bay Area, and through the county—and to cultivate in the District’s Black students a sense of pride, self-worth, and self-love;

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action is further intended to encourage ongoing critical reflection and courageous conversations concerning systemic racism, social injustice, racial and ethnic bias

WHEREAS, Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action is also intended to affirm the right of Black students in Oakland to be treated with respect and dignity within schools and within their community; and

WHEREAS, the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action may offer a variety of educational opportunities, such as workshops, panel discussions, cultural events, instructional activities, and expressions of unity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education (“Board”) proclaims that the annual Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action shall take place during the Month of February to coincide with, and augment, Black History Month;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board welcomes the participation of District educators and staff as well as Oakland families and students in community-based activities and events related to the Black Lives Matter at School Week of Action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board invites educators across grade levels and content areas to use resources that are inclusive of all of our diverse learners to enrich instruction throughout the whole year, not just one week or one month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2021, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

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 _____, 2021.

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