

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

HONORING WILLIAM CHAVARIN FOR 17 YEARS OF CHAMPIONING ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Oakland native, William Chavarin, has been an educator in Oakland for 17 years. He is currently a Director for California Interscholastic Federation where he serves over high school sports groups for the entire state; leading 1,600 schools and their athletic programs in student-athlete experiences of basketball, tennis, cross country, badminton, track, and field; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin began his career in 2002 at West Oakland's Lowell Middle School where he taught Math for 3 years and over time built a never-ending passion for supporting students in Oakland. In 2005 he began teaching Math at Lionel Wilson in East Oakland; and

WHEREAS, In 2014 Chavarin became Principal of Castlemont High School where his goal was to change the dialogue about the school and create stability through systems and working relationships among students, teachers, and families; and

WHEREAS, Programs that were started while Chavarin was in leadership are still having an impact within the community today. During Chavarin's first year at Castlemont, he committed to producing a cadre of administrators, teachers, and student leaders prepared to champion social change in East Oakland and beyond. Partnering with Oakland Kids First, and Youth Together, Chavarin held a year-long meaningful student and family engagement initiative that consisted of 10+ events with over 200 hours of direct work with the community designed to utilize school data to identify the assets and needs of the school community; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin and his organizational partners worked with the REALHARD program's student leaders to create a positive school culture, and a set of school-wide common values and expectations. The acronym, CASTLE, which stands for, "Compassion, Ambition, Support, Trust, Leadership, and Engagement," encompasses these values and is still used today as a guide on how to be successful and thrive in an educational environment; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin worked with the Castlemont administration to move from transactional leadership (where leaders told staff and students what to do) to transformational leadership (where leaders work WITH staff, families, community partners, and students) to make decisions to best serve and develop the community; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin spearheaded the Sustainable Urban Design Academy (SUDA) program on campus which was successful in connecting classroom experience to real-life experience. After eight years, SUDA continues to use environmental design, engineering, and urban planning to study issues and develop a healthier, sustainable ecosystem, helping prepare students to pursue careers in design, engineering, architecture, urban farming, food systems, building and advanced manufacturing, and more; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin also championed Castlemont's Community Health Equity Academy (CHEA) program. This program explores health-related topics that impact the quality of life, livelihood, well-being, and life expectancy of East Oakland residents. Among others, projects may include nutrition, access to fresh foods, childcare, the impact of stress, violence, and environmental toxins in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Chavarin has worked with Peralta Colleges to help students attain 12 transferrable college credits to UCs and CSUs before graduating high school. He has also worked with Kidango Childcare helping them to house their childcare program on campus to serve East Oakland's residents; and

WHEREAS, William Chavarin continues to work closely with Francisco Navarro (former Castlemont Athletic Administrator) as the Oakland Section Commissioner. Together they develop coaches and athletes in 27 Oakland Unified School District schools. Between 2019 and 2023, Oakland schools that have made it to the State and Regional championships include:

- **State Championship Titles:**
 - 2020 Oakland Tech Boys Soccer DV Regional Champion
 - 2021 McClymond's Football Champion
 - 2021 Oakland Tech Girls Basketball DIII State Champion
 - 2023 Leadership Preparatory Boys Soccer DV Regional Champion
 - 2023 Oakland High Boys Basketball DIII State Champion
 - 2023 Oakland Tech Girls Basketball DI State Champion
- **State Championship Appearances:**
 - 2019 McClymond's Football in State Championship
 - 2021 Skyline Girls Volleyball DV in State Championship
 - 2022 McClymond's Football in D2 State Championship

WHEREAS, Chavarin is a father of four children, and husband of 26 years. He earned his AA degree from Laney College, BA from CSU Monterey, teaching credential from CSU Hayward (now CSU Eastbay), and his MA from San Jose State University. He continues to carry his passion for academic achievement and devotion to student success through all strategies he implements in his work to help bring success to Oakland schools, students, coaches, and student-athletes

RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby honor William Chavarin for 17 years of championing academic and athletic achievement for Oakland Unified School District students, and wishes him success in all his future endeavors

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES -

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

