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## **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (OUSD) EDUCATIONAL LEADER SAM PASAROW, PRINCIPAL OF EDNA BREWER MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS YEARS OF CONTRIBUTION TO ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council wishes to honor Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) educational leaders for their outstanding contribution to academic achievement and for setting high standards for instruction, student achievement, character, and climate for the students, families, and staffs in Oakland communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland City Council recognizes Sam Pasarow, principal of Edna Brewer Middle School, as an exceptional instructional leader and commends him for his years of exemplary commitment and contribution to academic enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Sam Pasarow began his teaching career at De Anza High School, after completing a Masters in Education and a teaching credential from UC Berkeley, with student teaching experience at both Berkeley High and Skyline High School. His undergraduate degree in English and Literature was also from UC Berkeley, where he specialized in folklore under the direction of Alan Dundes, a preeminent Anthropology Professor; and

WHEREAS, Sam Pasarow has established himself as a strong instructional leader, committed to equitable and restorative practices that contribute to student engagement and a positive school culture. His administrative experience includes serving as a Resident Principal at East Oakland School of the Arts, Principal at Oakland Community Day School, Principal on Special Assignment at Skyline High School, and Principal of Edna Brewer Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Sam Pasarow has incorporated instructional strategies and techniques that have served to create a highly successful learning environment for all students in his school. These strategies have led to successful outcomes for all Edna Brewer students, as seen by the comparative data among OUSD middle schools: the highest API in 2012, the highest reading scores 2012-present, the highest common core math benchmark scores in the current school year, the lowest suspension rate for the past two school years, and the lowest rates of suspension for African-American students during the 2013-14 and current school year; and

WHEREAS, Sam Pasarow, has ensured that the young students at Edna Brewer Middle School acquire a sound foundation for lifelong learning and achievement; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That City of Oakland recognizes the many contributions Sam Pasarow has made to the success of Edna Brewer Middle School; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the Oakland City Council extends sincere congratulations and best wishes to Sam Pasarow as he officially joins Berkeley Unified School District's leadership team on July 1, 2015, as Principal of Berkeley High School.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES – ABSENT – ABSTENTION –

ATTEST:

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