Resolution of BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION 0910-0163

STUDENT PRIVACY AND EQUAL ACCESS

WHEREAS, the military spends \$4 billion per year for recruiting purposes, allowing them to overshadow other youth employment programs and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the current economic crisis has made low-income students even more susceptible to military recruiters' promises of financial support; and

WHEREAS, Oakland students report feeling targeted by military recruitment, because military recruiters visit their schools more often than other potential employers or college recruiters; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education affirmed the Oakland Unified School District's commitment to protect student privacy by passing Board Policy BP 5125.1 which sets policy on the No Child Behind Opt-Out form on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test, and on equal access for military and non-military recruiters; and

WHEREAS, students expect that by signing the No Child Left Behind opt-out form, their personal information will not be turned over to military recruiters; and

WHEREAS, many Oakland students and administrators still do not even know about the No Child Left Behind opt-out form and almost none know that their personal information is also being collected by JAMRS and sold to the military; and

WHEREAS, military recruiters often visit District schools without prior notification in violation of Board Policy BP 5125.1; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Oakland youth that the School District strengthen its collaboration with the city to make more non-military extracurricular and job training resources available for youth, and that youth be given a meaningful voice in the allocation of such resources

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education directs the Superintendent to annually report to the Board on the implementation of BP 5125.1 in Oakland high schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the No Child Left Behind Opt-Out form be added to the high school student emergency cards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Joint Advertising Market Research and Student Opt-Out form be included in every high school student's registration packet, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that informational assemblies be held at the beginning of each year to inform students of their right to sign both the NCLB and JAMRS opt-out forms, and signed forms be collected and dispatched appropriately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that both the NCLB and JAMRS out-out forms be made visibly available in every high school office throughout the school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland Board of Education continue to support ongoing efforts to develop collaboration between youth leaders from all relevant District and City of Oakland Boards, as well as non-governmental youth organizations, including, but not limited to, All City Council, Youth Commission, Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, Measure Y, to strengthen youth voice in the allocation of resources for extracurricular and job training programs for Oakland students.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted, at a Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District held on May 12, 2010.

Edgar Rakestraw, Jr. Secretary, Board of Education