RESOLUTION
OF THE
STATE ADMINISTRATOR
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
No. 0506-0032

“ARMED FORCES RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENTS”
OPT OUT POLICY

WHEREAS, a minor’s decision to join the military is a life and death decision and should be made in collaboration with his/her parents or guardians or caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the privacy of high school students is jeopardized by military recruitment methods such as unauthorized calls at home and release of personal information by schools to recruiters; and

WHEREAS, many military recruiters choose to recruit from less affluent public high schools, which disparately affects low-income families; and

WHEREAS, for many Oakland Unified School District families, English is not their first language; and

WHEREAS, “No Child Left Behind”, Sec. 9528 (a) (2) provides for students to opt themselves out, stating, “CONSENT – a secondary school student OR the parent of the student may request that the student’s name, address, and telephone listing . . . not be released without prior written parental consent . . .”; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Mike Honda has introduced HR 551, the Student Privacy Protection Act, which seeks to protect high school students’ privacy by insuring that schools release private information to military recruiters only if families request it; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District urges members of Congress to support HR 551, the Students Privacy Protection Act, and shall send copies of this resolution to our Congressional representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District shall not administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Basic Test (ASVAB) or equivalent test; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all high school students OR their parent shall be allowed to opt a student out, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District staff shall make students and parents aware of their opt-out rights under this policy by printing a notice in the Parent Guide To The Oakland Unified School District, which is distributed at the beginning of every school year, and each Parent Guide shall include a copy of the Opt-Out form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that district personnel shall make available an opt-out card to all high school students and parents during high school registration, and at any other time during the course of the academic year when a student or parent indicates a willingness to exercises the right to opt out; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, to establish a standard procedure for campus access, all institutional recruiters seeking access to a campus shall submit in writing a request to the principal, on official letterhead, at least two weeks in advance of their presence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that BP 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information – is hereby amended incorporating the policy set forth herein and other provisions of law.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a regular Meeting of the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held September 28, 2005.

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State Administrator
Oakland Unified School District

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