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**SUBJECT: OAK GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORTS ENGLISH LEARNER ROADMAP and BILITERACY ATTAINMENT AWARD**

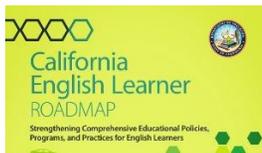
On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Oak Grove School District Board of Trustees approved resolutions for the English Learner (EL) Roadmap and Biliteracy Attainment Award for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students after informational presentations by the Educational Services Department and staff members who championed the need for such resolutions. California Department of Education stated that Oak Grove is the first district to adopt both the EL Roadmap and the Biliteracy Attainment Award in the State of California.

Oak Grove School District will develop and strengthen its language acquisition program options for the District's students, TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade, including dual immersion, bilingual and foreign language acquisition programs. The District's Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) program establishes the pathway for students to develop biliteracy skills and to attain the high school SEAL of BILITERACY.

It is the District's intent to provide recognition for students attaining functional proficiency in one or more languages, in attention to English through the establishment of the Biliteracy Attainment Award at the end of 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Superintendent, José L. Manzo stated, "These resolutions exemplify a shift in the importance of biliteracy and bicultural education. Being biliterate is no longer a subtractive element; it is now an additive to have two languages and two cultures. Students who have attained biliteracy will be seen as an asset in a global economy." Mr. Manzo and Board Member, Jacquelyn Adams will be presenting on this historic decision and the resolutions at an upcoming California School Board Association (CSBA) conference on November 30<sup>th</sup> at Moscone Center in San Francisco, Ca.

For information on the English Learner Road Map and updates on resources and guidance documents go to: <http://cde.ca.gov/sp/el/rm/>



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