

Public Education Service Award

*As a model of service and personal commitment for citizens everywhere,
the Alameda County Board of Education and
Alameda County Superintendent of Schools commend*

Diane E. Everett, Superintendent Sunol Glen Unified School District

We, at ACOE, want to congratulate the Honorable Wilma Chan for being honored at the *Week of the Young Child Celebration*.

Wilma Chan has a long history of championing children and their families. From her first elected position as an Oakland Unified School District Board Member through her years as a member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and her services on the California State Assembly, Wilma Chan fought for the development of policy and practice that provides for the expansion of education and health services to all children. Year after year, she has fought the uphill battle of focusing on establishing the 0-5 years as a priority. Because of her efforts, we have seen growing awareness of the critical importance of providing quality pre-school and early care.

During her tenure on the Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Ms. Chan became the first Chair of the Alameda County Children and Families Commission (ACCFC). The committee has distributed \$20 million annually in new funds for children's services. The ACCFC is considered the "crown jewel" because of its comprehensive approach to early childhood development.

Ms. Chan's accomplishments while serving as an Assemblywoman (D-Oakland) are many and significant. Whether it was providing financial resources, education, or health and environment services, she is someone we count on for providing leadership, always knowing that she has the determination to stick with the difficult issues and constant challenges we face.

We join the Oakland Unified School District and the Harriet Ross Tubman Early Childhood Education Center in saluting and honoring the Honorable Wilma Chan.

Presented on June 19, 2007



*Fred Sims, President
Alameda County Board of Education*

*Sheila Jordan, Superintendent
Alameda County Office of Education*