

**OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
5801 E. CONIFER STREET  
OAK PARK, CALIFORNIA 91377  
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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - AGENDA #867**

**Written notice is hereby given in accordance with Education Code Section 54957 that a special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Oak Park Unified School District will be held:**

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012  
**TIME:** 4:30 p.m. Open Session  
**PLACE:** **Oak Park Unified School District Office  
5801 E. Conifer Street, Conference Room**

**Call to Order**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call**  
**Public Comments**

**OPEN SESSION**

Approve Five Star Gifted & Talented Program Application Submission

Date: October 19, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_ Anthony W. Knight, Ed.D.  
Superintendent and Secretary to the Board of Education

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**FROM: DR. ANTHONY W. KNIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT**  
**DATE: OCTOBER 23, 2012**  
**SUBJECT: APPROVE FIVE STAR GATE APPLICATION SUBMISSION**  
**ACTION**

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**ISSUE:** Shall the Board of Education approve the development and submission of an application to the California Association for the Gifted (CAG) by OPUSD to be recognized as a Five Star GATE School Program?


**BACKGROUND:** CAG is seeking applications from schools or school districts that meet the criteria to be recognized and honored as a Five Star Gifted and Talented School Programs. The award will be presented to up to five schools or school districts in California that show evidence that they have met the specific requirements. The award consists of a banner to be exhibited at the school or district site, listing on the CAG website, and on-stage recognition at the annual CAG conference. The GATE DAC met and discussed this and felt strongly that OPUSD meets the criteria and that we should submit an application to CAG for the recognition. The application process requires that the local school board approve the participation/submission.

**ALTERNATIVES:** 1. Approve the participation/submission in the Five Star Program  
 2. Do not approve the participation/submission in the Five Star Program

**RECOMMENDATION:** Alternative #1.

**RATIONALE:** The GATE DAC believes that the school district serves as a state, national, and even international model for the education of gifted and talented students and that we meet the criteria for the recognition.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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 Anthony W. Knight, Ed.D.  
 Superintendent

Board Action: On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Education:

VOTE:	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Iceland	_____	_____	_____	_____
Laifman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Pallant	_____	_____	_____	_____
Rosen	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yeoh	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student Rep.	_____	_____	_____	_____



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Dear Superintendents and GATE Curriculum Leaders,

The California Association for the Gifted (CAG) is pleased to announce the **FIVE STAR GIFTED & TALENTED SCHOOL PROGRAM AWARD**. This award has been developed to support the continued efforts by school districts and/or schools to provide high quality educational services to gifted and talented students. The **FIVE STAR SCHOOL PROGRAM AWARD** will be granted to five schools or school districts that *exemplify quality and comprehensive services* for gifted and talented students in relationship to the adopted GATE Standards (California Department of Education, 2005) and the criteria stipulated by CAG.

For the last 51 years, the California Association for the Gifted has been the major advocacy organization promoting the education of gifted and talented students. It has been instrumental in its advocacy efforts to define legislation, offer continued professional development to educators, parents and students, and collaborate with other organizations to uphold the quality of education for all of California's students.


In an era when the fiscal resources for education are not commensurate to the needs of our students, when there is concern for academic achievement that sometimes ignores the needs of gifted and talented students, when educators and policy makers believe that "gifted students can make it on their own" (an old adage that is not accurate), and when individuals believe that giftedness is not found in all cultural, linguistic, and economic groups, it is essential that we honor school districts and schools that have not adhered to these myths and have continued educating gifted and talented students.

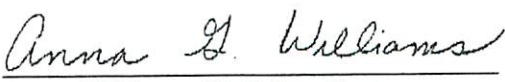
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CAG invites you to consider applying for this award. The application is online at [cagifted.org](http://cagifted.org). Submissions must be sent in by October 31, 2012. Applicants will be screened and visitations will be arranged for schools/school districts that meet the first tier of the review process. A one-day visitation will be conducted by a member of CAG with notification of these visits to be made before the anticipated date. Awards will be announced by mid-January 2013.

We are excited about being able to honor our colleagues who have worked diligently to provide for gifted students.

Sincerely,

  
Sandra Kaplan, Chair, Education Committee

  
Anna Williams, CAG President





## California Association for the Gifted Five Star School Program for the Gifted



District Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District Address: \_\_\_\_\_

District City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Gifted Program Statistics (attach spreadsheets with information):**

- a. Number of years granted by CDE in 2008 for GATE Application
- b. Number of gifted students
- c. Composition of population (academic, economic, cultural, linguistic diversity)
- d. Describe coordination of the gifted program - responsibilities and communication:
  
- e. Describe teachers of the gifted (how teachers are selected, educated to teach the gifted, assessed, etc.):

**2. Gifted Program Description**

- a. Type of services provided:
  - i. Differentiated curriculum (describe the elements that differentiate the curriculum, how curriculum was designed, etc.):
  
  - ii. Professional development experiences provided to educators:
  
  - iii. Parent Involvement:

3. ***Involvement with CAG (This information is not mandatory):***
  - a. *Number of teachers that are current CAG members:* \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. *Number of teachers in attendance at CAG functions:* \_\_\_\_\_
  
4. ***Define why the school's gate program should be considered to be exemplary/outstanding (No more than 250 words):***
  
5. ***Describe the relationship and potential impact of the gifted program on general education (no more than 150 words):***
  
6. ***Attachments:***
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  - b. *Approval of the board of education to submit the application to be recognized as a Five Star School Program*
  - c. *Acceptance of a visitation by the CAG Five Star Team*

**Please mail completed application before October 31, 2012 to:**  
**CAG Five Star Application**  
**CAG Office**  
**9278 Madison Avenue**  
**Orangevale, CA 95662**

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