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Local Educator Selected as Emerging Leader

OAKLAND, CA — Cliff Hong, an eighth grade social studies teacher and a new teacher coach at Edna Brewer Middle School, has been recognized as an Emerging Leader by PDK International, a leading association of education professionals.

During his career, Hong has been a high school teacher and a corps member advisor for the Teach for America Summer Institute. This summer, he will be the summer school principal at Edna Brewer Middle School. He is currently enrolled at the Principal Leadership Institute at the University of California at Berkeley.

"As part of my future impact as a leader, I will continue working towards the goal of retaining good teachers in Oakland," Hong said.

A committee made up of PDK's past Emerging Leaders selected the 20 honorees from a competitive field of applicants.

"The 20 members of the 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders embody the PDK tenets of leadership, research, and service," said William Bushaw, PDK's executive director. "They represent the best of the profession."

For more information on PDK's 2008-09 Class of Emerging Leaders, including podcast interviews with the honorees, go to **www.pdkemergingleaders.org**. Information about PDK International is at **www.pdkintl.org**.

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