

Public Hearing: Renaming the New Highland-Rise Merged School

May 11, 2022



**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Ask of the Board

- Board Policy (“BP”) 7310 states, in relevant part, that: “Before adopting any proposed name, the Board shall hold a public hearing at which members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide input.”
- After the Public Hearing, the intent would be to bring forward the proposed name for consideration by the Board on May 25, 2022.

OUSD School Naming Policy 7310

The Governing Board shall name district schools and other district-owned or leased buildings, grounds, and facilities in recognition of:

- 1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the school community or who have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance**
- 2. Entities that have made outstanding contributions to the school community or that have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance**
- 3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located**
- 4. Community expressions of values consistent with the mission, aspiration, and/or purpose of public education in Oakland**



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Coming Together 2020-2022

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- During Distance Learning, teacher collaboration was restructured into larger grade-level teams
 - NHA and Rise teachers began working together on collaborative teams in 2020-21
 - More effective collaboration than the previous small, mixed-grade, school-specific teams
- This NHA-Rise joint collaborative structure has continued in 2021-22
 - Aligned PLC time incorporated into the school day



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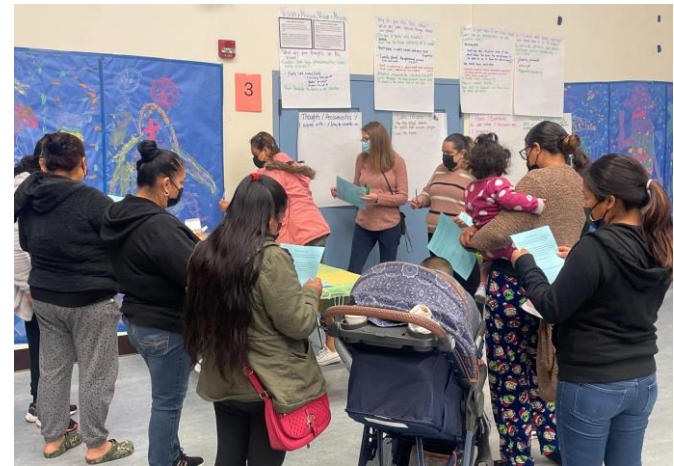
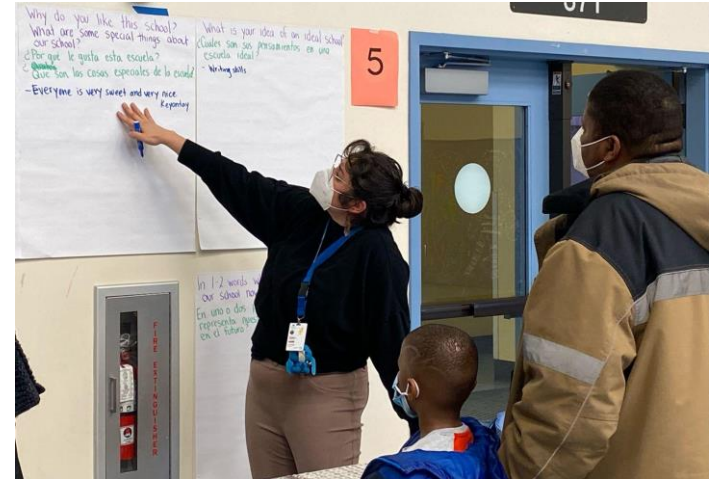
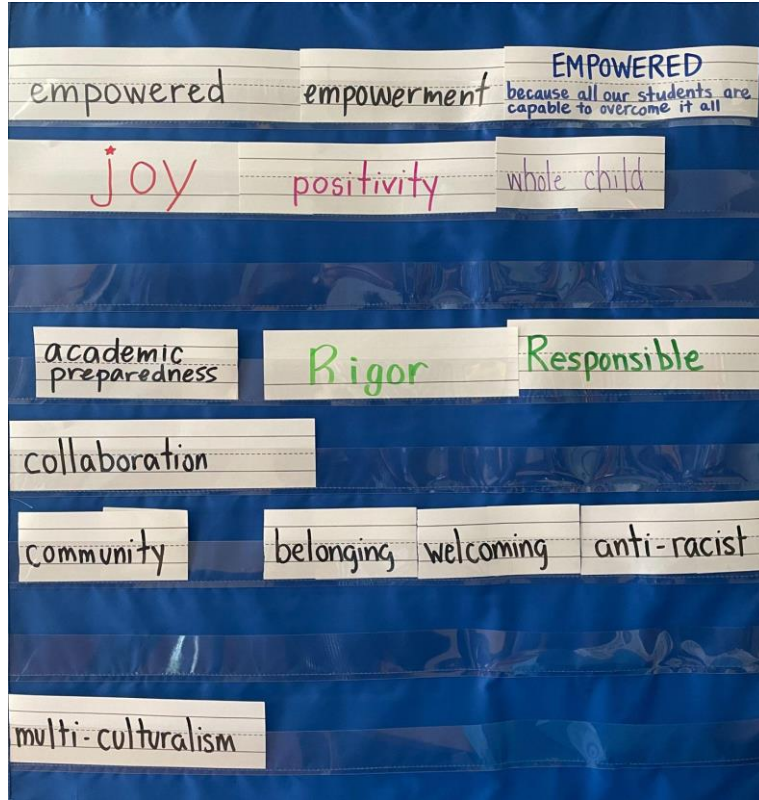
Board Decision to formally merge the two schools: 2/8/22

Merger Planning and Engagement

Staff meetings, parent/family gatherings to discuss:

- Mission/Vision
- Instructional Program
- Culture/Climate

Spotlight on Mission, Vision, Values





How the new name was chosen

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- Names were suggested by students during classroom discussions of the upcoming merger
- School leadership narrowed the students' suggestions to five finalists
- 392 students, staff, and families voted on the new name



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