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OAKLAND UNIFIED
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Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Board of Education

From Antwan Wilson, Superintendent
Michael Gaal, Chief of Staff

Board Meeting Date January 25, 2017

Subject Board Policy – BP 0540 College, Career and Community Readiness

Action Requested **Approval by the Board of Education of Board Policy BP 0540 College, Career and Community Readiness**

Background and Discussion This new board policy affirms that making students college-ready is a priority for the District and is aligned to its strategic vision. This policy also recognizes the District's commitment to work collaboratively with the City of Oakland on the Oakland Promise to get students ready for the careers of their choice. Specifically, it highlights programs currently in development with the City (Kindergarten to College; Future Centers) which will provide students with resources to succeed after they graduate.

Recommendation **Approval by the Board of Education of Board Policy BP 0540 College, Career and Community Readiness**

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachments

- BP 0540 College, Career and Community Readiness

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Policy

Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans

BP 0540

College, Career and Community Readiness

Oakland Promise: Kindergarten2College (K2C) and Future Centers

The Governing Board desires to improve student outcomes and ensure that all OUSD students graduate college, career, and community ready. The Governing Board recognizes that post-secondary education is essential for many careers. Advanced planning and commitment from students, parents, schools, and the community are required to ensure that students are ready for the significant financial costs and academic rigor of college. Early planning also instills students with a positive association of college and promotes greater focus on academic dedication during important formative years.

To ensure positive culture around college, the Superintendent or designee shall support to develop and promote programs that encourage college completion through the Oakland Promise which has in place a structure for students to receive support to get to and graduate from college.

Specifically, the Oakland Promise will build a college-bound identity in students and support students to have the expectations, resources and skills to graduate from high school, enter and complete college and be ready for the career of his or her choice. Within the Oakland Promise, the two specific strategies that OUSD will focus on are K2C and Future Centers. K2C gives every OUSD student the opportunity to have money for college. The program also supports families to open their own college savings accounts and encourages activities that create a college-bound identity for students. OUSD will support the programming of K2C and partially fund the program. Future Centers are college and career hubs where students receive support to navigate the college application process and are exposed to technology and internship opportunities. OUSD will operate and fund Future Centers.

Due to its alignment with OUSD's strategic vision of college, career, and community readiness, the Oakland Promise is a funding priority for the district. It is also a funding priority to match the City of Oakland's contribution towards K2C to the extent permitted by law as well as fund and operate the future centers.

The Superintendent or designee shall give all district principals information about the Oakland Promise program - specifically K2C for elementary schools and Future Centers for middle and high schools - and ensure that principals provide that information to teachers, other school personnel, parents/guardians and students.

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