

STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

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LISTENING TO STUDENT VOICES

Youth Action Summit Updates

- We had 17 students in attendance from Oakland High, Oakland Tech, Life Academy, Fremont
- Workshops were led by Community organizers and student leaders
- Community building circles on mental health
- Engaged in discussions around our 2022-23 priorities: OYV, School Safety, and Mental Health
- Elections for ACC's 2023-24 Governing Board were held for each position, electing 8 out of 11 positions (3 positions will be up for special election in the Fall)

ACC End of Year Report

All City Council Student Union Mission & Vision

ALL CITY COUNCIL Mission & Vision Statement



All City Council (ACC) seeks to create positive change in our schools. We amplify student voice by serving as a bridge between adult decision makers and the student body. We are a diverse team of student leaders who represent or are elected by the masses of students at our schools. ACC organizes campaigns and activities to serve the assessed needs of our constituents; including addressing internalized, interpersonal, and institutional oppression in our daily lives and the daily functioning of our schools and working towards solutions.

Key Accomplishments 2022-23

- Passed the Civic Seal of Engagement
- Continued to work with OUSD staff & consultant, Alameda County Registrar of Voters, and partners to push for Oakland Youth Vote's implementation
- Received over 1,000 responses from our Student Safety Survey
- Collaborated with community organizations to lead a Candidates' Forum for the Nov. 2022 school board elections at Fremont High School
- Organized and led a successful 25th middle school peer resources and ethnic studies at UC Berkeley
- Led voter education and pre-registration events at a few high schools in Oakland
- Supported the passage of Measure H

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

ACC's High School Meetings

We had schools from: Life Academy, MetWest, Oakland High, McClymonds, Madison Park, Fremont, Oakland Tech, CCPA, and Skyline over 4 general High School Meetings/Retreat

Focuses:

- High School Safety Survey:
 - Mental Health resources
 - Proper spaces to discuss recent issues
 - Mental Health days
 - Opportunities to get to know others
- Engaged with work around ACC 3 priorities for the school year:
 - School Safety, Mental health, and Oakland Youth Vote
- Leadership Skill Buildings/Trainings:
 - Event planning, power mapping, Movement building

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

ACC's Middle School Meetings

We had Middle school students from Edna Brewer, Urban Promise Academy, Frick United, Madison Park, United for Success, Elmhurst United, Greenleaf, Bret Harte, Westlake & West Oakland MS over 5 of our General Middle School Meetings

Focuses:

- Trained students on Restorative Justice
- Provided opportunities for middle school students to get to know other student leaders across various sites
- Focused on Individual School Site Action Project
 - Projects were focused on teen vaping, vandalism/beautification, bullying, etc
 - Students compiled data through interviews and surveys from their sites
- Planned 25th Peer Resources and Ethnic studies conference

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

OYV (Oakland Youth Vote)

Updates:

- Civic Seal of Engagement
 - Worked with Jody Talkington, ELLMA (English Language Learner and Multilingual Achievement) Director, RAD (Research and Data), Director of College/Career Pathways, and Social Studies Coordinator
 - This pilot year will allow our seniors who have met the criteria will be able to receive a State Seal of Civic Engagement on either their diploma or transcript.
- Measure QQ support
 - Director Davis along with student Director Le and Gallegos wrote and implemented a resolution to hold OUSD school board accountable to support the implementation of OYV.
 - Voter Registration
 - OYV Cores Leaders Coalition (CLC) were separated by school sites to work with their schools' history/government teachers or leadership class/organizations to support High School Voter Education weeks in the Fall and Spring
 - Pre- Registered students during school site events at Fremont, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, and Madison Park

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

Mental Health

Updates & Recommendations:

- Issue 1: Lack of Mental Health days
 - Presentations about Mental Health in class; mental health advocacy events across campuses
 - ASB/Student Leadership Involvement - Mental Health Days & Resources
 - More opportunities to strength staff and student relationships
- Issue 2: “Concrete Campuses” not enough green spaces
 - Garden classes/clubs across campuses
 - Implementation of mental health days into gardening/beautification activities
 - Bring green spaces into the classroom
 - Maintain school gardens & incorporating planting justice classes at sites as an open elective
- Issue 3: No separate spaces for students to decompress
 - Allocate spaces in classrooms/schools dedicated to recreational activities
 - Sensitivity training for teachers
 - Increasing robust support systems across sites (tutoring, planning time, office hours)

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

Safety Survey

Updates:

- We had 420 responses from our High school student safety survey
 - Biggest issues:
 - Fights: 238 strong agree/agreed; 167 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Weapons on campus: 236 strong agree/agreed; 167 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Sexual Harassment: 227 strong agree/agreed, 181 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Lockdowns: 213 strongly/agreed; 193 strongly disagree/disagree
- We had 722 responses from our Middle school student safety survey
 - Biggest Issues:
 - Lockdowns: 419 strongly/agreed; 220 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Fights: 378 strong agree/agreed; 248 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Bullying: 376 strong agree/agreed; 259 strongly disagree/disagree
 - Sexual Harassment: 317 strong agree/agreed, 295 strongly disagree/disagree
- 355 out of 1,142 students stated they did not feel safe at school
- 561 out of 1,142 stated they feel safe without police
- 530 out of 1,142 stated they want more mental health services to be provided at their school site

ACC UPDATES/FOCUS

LCAP Engagement

Priorities Highlighted by Student Leaders in Relation to LCAP Goal Areas:

- LCAP Goal Areas
 - All students graduate college, career, and community ready
 - Focal student groups demonstrate accelerated growth to close our equity gap
 - Students and families are welcomed, safe, healthy, and engaged
 - Our staff are high quality, stable, and reflective of Oakland's rich diversity
 - Students, families, and staff have the resources and supports necessary to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Student Recommendation provided at the Youth Action Summit

How can you continue to be a **CHAMPION** of Meaningful Student Engagement

- ENGAGE your schools with our All City Council Student Union
- Allocate time to ATTEND and PROMOTE our student engagement events and meetings
- More FUNDING and RESOURCES for student engagement positions at sites and stipends for student leaders
- INVEST in student leadership and shared decision making opportunities
- Connecting us with other organization and resources that are aligned with MSE's mission and vision

Thank you to the 2022-23 All City Council Student Union Representatives

Student Director: Linh Le (UCLA) & Natalie Gallegos Chavez (UC Berkeley)

LCAP Student Budget Director: Anevay Cruz & Kiana Diaz

Health & Wellness Director: Deric Chau (UC San Diego)

Culture & Climate Director: Marianna Smith

Media Director: Lauren McDaniels (Xavier University of Louisiana)

President: Vida Mendoza

Historian: Zara Ahsan

Secretary: Laiza Reconco (San Jose State University)



Left to Right: Linh Le, Laiza Reconco, Vida Mendoza, Zara Ahsan, Lauren McDaniels, Kiana Diaz, Anevay Cruz, Marianna Smith, Natalie Gallegos Chavez, Deric Chau

Welcome to the 2023-24 ACC GB

Congratulations to the 2023-24 All City Council Governing Board

Student Director: Anevay Cruz & Vida Mendoza

Health & Wellness Director: Sophie Mehouelley

Culture & Climate Director: Maximus Simmons

Media Director: Amber Johnson

President: Marianna Smith

Vice President: Ashley Tchanyoum

Secretary: Joanne Diakon-Assoua



Left to Right: Marianna Smith, Ashley Tchanyoum, Sophie Mehouelley, Joanne Diakon-Assoua, Amber Johnson, Maximus Simmons, Vida Mendoza, Anevay Cruz

Thank You:

- Middle & High School ACC and Adult Allies
- Community Partners & Meaningful Student Engagement Collaborative
- Office of Equity/Targeted Initiative Staff
- OUSD Staff
- OUSD Students!



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