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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Community Schools, Thriving Students

Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Sam Davis, President
Clifford Thompson, District 7

Meeting Date January 24, 2024

Subject Introduction of Resolution Requesting Increased Investment from Alameda County in Vaccination Clinics for the Children of Oakland

Ask of the Board Consideration of the Resolution Requesting Increased Investment from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in Vaccination Clinics for the Children of Oakland

Background Vaccinations are a powerful tool for preventing pandemics and epidemics and are critical in maintaining the general health and well-being of a community.

During the COVID pandemic, the County of Alameda ('County') partnered effectively with the Oakland Unified School District ('District') to provide dozens of vaccine clinics across our city that prevented possible severe illness, hospitalization and/or death for thousands of Oakland children, district and school staff, as well as their family members, friends and loved ones.

School-based health clinics ('SBHCs') operated by partnerships of the District with La Clinica de la Raza, Native American Health Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, LifeLong Medical Care, Asian Health Services, East Bay Asian Youth Center, East Bay Agency for Children, and Fred Finch Youth Center provide crucial health care, mental health support, and vaccinations across the majority of our middle schools and high schools.

Kaiser Permanente, La Familia, Roots Community Clinic also partnered with the District to provide vaccination clinics during the pandemic, and Roots Community

Clinic is now leasing space at the Parker campus to provide extensive health services to the East Oakland community.

Oakland's schools were recognized as having one of the strongest responses to the COVID pandemic in the state, if not the nation, providing thousands of COVID tests, high-quality masks, extensive contact tracing, meals for families struggling with poverty, and digital access for students via #OaklandUndivided during distance learning and afterwards.

Discussion

This year, Oakland, like many cities is confronting a serious challenge in the form of the 'triple-demic' of RSV, COVID, and influenza, causing many students to miss school at a time when the District is re-emphasizing the importance of constant attendance in the wake of severe rates of chronic absence during the pandemic years.

Oakland's students are additionally missing many required childhood vaccines such as MMR, DTAP, hepatitis, pneumococcus, meningococcus, varicella, and others, due to missed routine medical visits during the pandemic, as well as the much higher rate of newcomer immigrant/refugee students in Oakland compared to other cities, which makes our schools more vulnerable to the possibility of outbreaks of these diseases.

In previous years, the County's 'Shoo the Flu' program brought flu vaccine clinics to the majority of Oakland elementary school campuses, but this year, the program is only funded to be at approximately one dozen school campuses in the highest priority zip codes.

There is much reason to be grateful to the Alameda County Public Health Department, Health Equity Policy and Planning unit for their long history of partnering with the district to support better health outcomes for all of our students

The community partner organizations that are working so hard day in and day out to provide health services, including vaccinations, to all of our students are also worthy of tremendous appreciation.

However, it is also incumbent on us to urge the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to increase funding for the 'Shoo the Flu' program to provide flu and COVID vaccine clinics at every public elementary school in Oakland, as well as childhood vaccine support in key zip codes.

Finally, we must urge all families to ensure that all their children, from infants to teenagers, are up to date on all their vaccines and are getting their annual flu and COVID shots, to prevent disease and ensure regular attendance which is crucial to academic success, knowing that every second at school counts.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachment(s)

- Resolution: Requesting Increased Investment from Alameda County in Vaccination Clinics for the Children of Oakland

**OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2324-0171**

**REQUESTING INCREASED INVESTMENT FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY IN
VACCINATION CLINICS FOR THE CHILDREN OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, vaccinations are a powerful tool for preventing pandemics and epidemics and are critical in maintaining the general health and well-being of a community; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID pandemic, the County of Alameda ('County') partnered effectively with the Oakland Unified School District ('District') to provide dozens of vaccine clinics across our city that prevented possible severe illness, hospitalization and/or death for thousands of Oakland children, district and school staff, as well as their family members, friends and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, school-based health clinics ('SBHCs') operated by partnerships of the District with La Clinica de la Raza, Native American Health Center, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, LifeLong Medical Care, Asian Health Services, East Bay Asian Youth Center, East Bay Agency for Children, and Fred Finch Youth Center provide crucial health care, mental health support, and vaccinations across the majority of our middle schools and high schools; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente, La Familia, Roots Community Clinic also partnered with the District to provide vaccination clinics during the pandemic, and Roots Community Clinic is now leasing space at the Parker campus to provide extensive health services to the East Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's schools were recognized as having one of the strongest responses to the COVID pandemic in the state, if not the nation, providing thousands of COVID tests, high-quality masks, extensive contact tracing, meals for families struggling with poverty, and digital access for students via #OaklandUndivided during distance learning and afterwards; and

WHEREAS, this year, Oakland, like many cities is confronting a serious challenge in the form of the 'triple-demic' of RSV, COVID, and influenza, causing many students to miss school at a time when the District is re-emphasizing the importance of constant attendance in the wake of severe rates of chronic absence during the pandemic years; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's students are additionally missing many required childhood vaccines such as MMR, DTAP, hepatitis, pneumococcus, meningococcus, varicella, and others, due to missed routine medical visits during the pandemic, as well as the much higher rate of newcomer immigrant/refugee students in Oakland compared to other cities, which makes our schools more vulnerable to the possibility of outbreaks of these diseases; and

WHEREAS, in previous years, the County’s ‘Shoo the Flu’ program brought flu vaccine clinics to the majority of Oakland elementary school campuses, but this year, the program is only funded to be at approximately one dozen school campuses in the highest priority zip codes,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the District expresses its deep gratitude to the Alameda County Public Health Department, Health Equity Policy and Planning unit for their long history of partnering with the district to support better health outcomes for all of our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District further expresses tremendous appreciation to all of the community partner organizations that are working so hard day in and day out to provide health services, including vaccinations, to all of our students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District urges the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to increase funding for the ‘Shoo the Flu’ program to provide flu and COVID vaccine clinics at every public elementary school in Oakland, as well as childhood vaccine support in key zip codes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the District urges all families to ensure that all their children, from infants to teenagers, are up to date on all their vaccines and are getting their annual flu and COVID shots, to prevent disease and ensure regular attendance which is crucial to academic success, knowing that every second at school counts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2023, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE:

PREFERENTIAL NOE:

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION:

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINED:

RECUSED:

ABSENT:

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on _____, 2024.

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