

**Resolution
of the
Board of Education
of the
Oakland Unified School District
Resolution No. 0708-0133**

Establishing the Oakland Schoolyards Initiative

Introduced by Board of Education Member Noel Gallo

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2006, the State Administrator adopted Board Policy 5030 – Wellness Policy – to address student vulnerability to childhood obesity and chronic illnesses associated with it, as well as emotional and physical safety, staff wellness, health education, and disease prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Wellness Policy (BP 5030) states “Each school shall ensure that there is a clean and safe play environment which includes climbing elements, space to run and play active sports, as well as encourage non-sport activities. When possible, grass or other natural elements should be integrated into play yards to offer non-asphalt or cement play environments” (Healthy & Safe School Environment section); and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District maintains numerous campus schoolyards, many of which are under-utilized by children during in-school and out-of-school times because of deteriorated conditions, inadequate environmental design, and the lack of supervised recreational programming; and

WHEREAS, campus schoolyards constitute the only open recreational space available in many neighborhoods and a minority of schoolyards are located adjacent to parks, ball fields, recreation centers and libraries owned and managed by the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District and the City of Oakland share a mutual interest in enhancing safety, cleanliness, and utilization of campus schoolyards for the benefit of neighborhood children, youth, and adult residents; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is working in partnership with individual school sites and neighborhood organizations to renovate schoolyards at Garfield Elementary School, Urban Promise Academy, Manzanita Community School and Manzanita SEED; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is a recipient of The California Endowment grant to initiate the “Oakland Schoolyards Initiative”,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, pursuant to Board Policy 5030 (Wellness Policy), direct the Oakland Unified School District to initiate the formation of the “Oakland Schoolyards Initiative”, a public/private partnership to revitalize and transform schoolyards, and any adjacent City of Oakland parks and playfields into safe and vibrant places for children and youth to play, learn, and have fun; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Unified School District invites Mayor Ronald V. Dellums, City of Oakland, East Bay Community Foundation, and relevant neighborhood-based community organizations to participate in the creation and development of the Oakland Schoolyards Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Schoolyards Initiative addresses the following issues:

- * establish criteria to select schoolyards for revitalization;
- * establish the participatory process that will produce comprehensive schoolyard improvement plans that include physical design, recreational programming, and maintenance; and
- * establish agreements regarding community-use and joint-use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland Unified School District staff provide necessary leadership and support to ensure this Resolution's implementation.

Passed by the following vote:

AYES: Kerry Hamill, Gregory Hodge, Gary Yee, Noel Gallo, Christopher Dobbins, Vice President Alice Spearman, President David Kakishiba

NOES: None

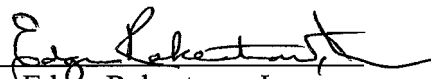
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Education at a Regular Joint Meeting of the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on December 19, 2007.

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