

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of The Board of Education

Legislative File

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Enactment Date: 12-16-09

By: BJ

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Tony Smith, Superintendent
Brad Stam, Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: **Schools Portfolio Closure Recommendations Effective June 30, 2010**

ACTION REQUESTED

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 0910-0125 – Schools Portfolio Closure Recommendations Effective June 30, 2010.

DISCUSSION

OUSD is committed to operating a dynamic portfolio of schools that meet the needs of the community. Since February 2009, staff has been engaging with the Explore MS, Robeson School of Visual and Performing Arts (9-12), and Business & Entrepreneurship School of Technology (BEST) (9-12) communities with regards to issues of under enrollment, academic under performance, and fiscal and academic solvency. During this time, staff has also been closely evaluating the quantitative and qualitative data associated with each of these schools to evaluate long-term program sustainability and capacity to accelerate academic achievement for students.

Based on this evaluation process, staff recommends the closure of Explore MS, Robeson School of Visual and Performing Arts (9-12), and Business & Entrepreneurship School of Technology (BEST) (9-12) at the end of the 2009-2010 School Year.

BUDGET IMPACT

Estimated total savings is anticipated to be approximately \$1,001,000. This includes:

- Salary savings at approximately \$620,000 at the three schools.
- Custodial savings at approximately \$332,000 at the three schools.
- Utilities savings at approximately \$281,000 at the three schools.
- Additional Savings from the budget deficit for Robeson and BEST totals \$328,000

Estimated total costs are anticipated to be up to approximately \$560,000 in moving/packing costs and support to transition students, families, and staff to receiving schools.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the approval of the all the recommendations outlined herein.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 0910-0125**

Schools Portfolio Closure Recommendations Effective June 30, 2010

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is creating a great public school system with high standards of teaching and learning for every student and high standards of service to our schools with a recommitment to our shared values of equity, achievement, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, a core strategy of Oakland Unified School District is the management of a portfolio of schools that will provide a diverse portfolio of high quality schools for students and families both within neighborhoods and district-wide; and

WHEREAS, a decline in population and student enrollment as well as a state-wide fiscal crisis in the State of California, Bay Area, and Oakland has necessitated the interventions at underutilized school campuses as a means of reallocating the District's limited financial and human resources to those schools that have demonstrated an increase in student progress; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Explore Middle School, Robeson High School, and Business Entrepreneurial School of Technology (BEST) High School shall be and hereby are closed, and California Department of Education (CDE) shall be notified of the closure and of the CDS number, effective June 30, 2010:

School	Grade Configuration	Location
Explore MS	6 th -8 th	3550 64 th Ave.
BEST High School	11 th -12 th	2607 Myrtle St.
Robeson High School	10 th -12 th	4610 Foothill Blvd.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs staff to work closely with impacted families, students, and staff from Explore Middle School, Business & Entrepreneurship School of Technology and Robeson School of Visual and Performing Arts to ensure that all affected students are enrolled in a quality program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Passed by the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District this 16th day of December, 2009, by the following vote:

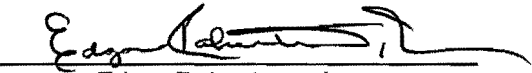
AYES: Jody London, Jumoke Hodge, Christopher Dobbins, Alice Spearman, David Kakishiba,
Vice President Gary Yee, President Noel Gallo

NAYES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held December 16, 2009.


 Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
 Secretary
 Board of Education

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