

STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Summary of Report



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Summary of Events/Updates

ACC High School Engagement Meetings

- HS Engagements Around Safety
 - Oakland Tech - 26 students (Nov 16)
 - Current safety protocols aren't working
 - Would like to see more timely notifications of issues occurring
 - Would like to see an app of some sort adopted at Tech to provide announcements - when safety things happen in or around the school, some students do not receive them as they are going or coming back from the other campus building
 - Having students go to another campus for class without adult supervision is a safety issue
 - We need more culture keepers for the campus we have
 - Castlemont - 8 students (Dec 1)
 - Culture Keepers are AMAZING!
 - Students feel safe, feel seen and are supported by their culture keepers
 - Biggest safety concerns related to student behavior - how do we reduce conflict coming into school from outside of school?

- Met West 10 students (Dec 7)
 - Lack of teacher retention
 - Students are fearful of building close relationships with staff and teacher because they worry about them leaving the school which builds lack of connection between students and teachers
 - Met West is preparing them for after high school with internships but lack of teacher retention creates an unstable educational environment
 - Better communication system with their principal so they can have a connection with them while being able to communicate any concerns they have
- Oakland High 24 students (Dec 8)
 - Culture keepers are very aggressive and don't engage with students professionally
 - They should receive trainings that will help them engage with students better because students prefer them over school police
 - Students feel they have a trusted adult that they can talk to
- Life Academy 17 students (Dec 12)
 - Students feel safe in school
 - Teachers communicate with students and listen to students if they feel unsafe
 - Students would like to see more funding so they can have more programming and resources

Will be aiming to go to the rest of our OUSD high schools in January

Middle School Meeting

- 2nd Middle School Meeting on Tuesday Dec 5th
 - 36 students
 - Middle schools present: WOMS, UPA, Westlake, Edna Brewer, Bret Harte, United for Success, Claremont
- Participated in RJ Community Building Circles
 - Theme of circle centered around student-teacher relationships
- School Action Projects
 - Each school present identified an issue and created SMART goals around awareness, research and design
 - Issues students are interested in addressing are related to mental health & racism, fights, bathroom beautification,
- 3rd Middle School Meeting on January 16 at Claremont



LISTENING TO STUDENT VOICES

Update on Oakland Youth Vote

The Oakland Youth Vote Coalition has continued to work on implementing Oakland Youth Vote since it passed in 2020.

Here is a mini-documentary the coalition created to highlight what Oakland youth did to make Oakland Youth Vote possible, why they believe it is important to have youth vote and their hopes for the future.

<https://youtu.be/6f2n6OcjF3E>



Oakland Youth Vote is on it's way to being implemented!

- Voter software is in the process of being updated to include youth voters in school board
- There is possibility for other districts outside of OUSD and Berkeley Unified that could have a smoother transition for youth vote as long as they use the same voter software as Alameda

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & EVENTS

ACC Annual Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference

Finalized the Theme for 26th Annual Middle School Peer Resource and Ethnic Studies Conference:

- There is No Justice Without U and I
- March 2024 - Final Date & Location TBD

The Annual Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference supports the continued development of school-linked services through the use of Peer Resource and Leadership Programs as well as highlighting the multicultural identities that exist across Oakland. Year after year, we are proud to have youth lead the majority of our conference workshops and restorative justice circles. This conference is co-designed and facilitated by the All City Council Student Union and middle school delegates across the network for a day full of performances, circles, workshops, and activities.

Call for Workshops & Registration will be out in January!



Picture from last year



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Thank you

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