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MetWest Enrollment Priority Planning

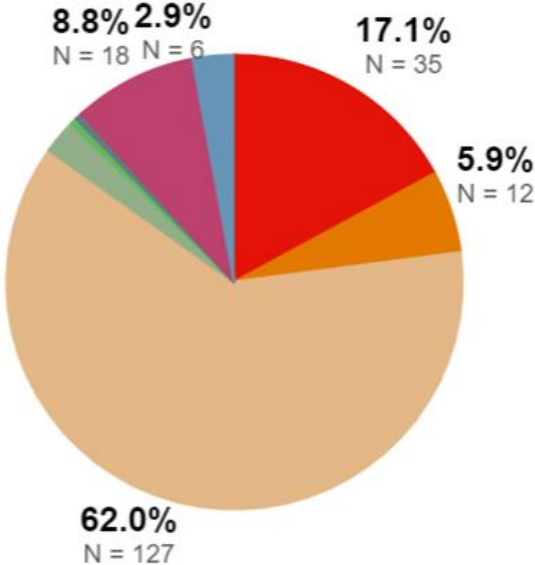
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Background

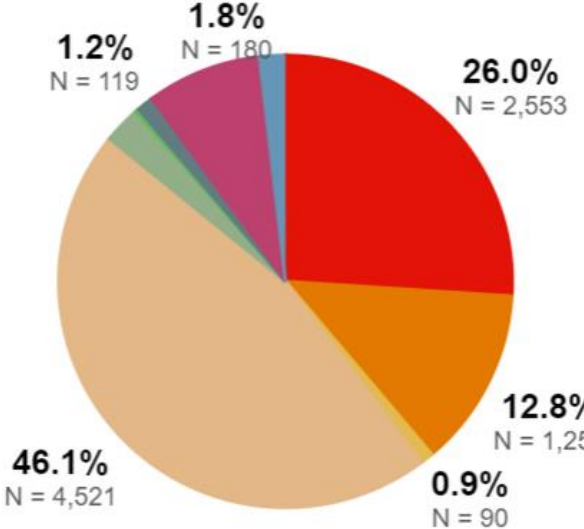
- MetWest is a high-demand school that started to expand in 2019-20
 - Serves 205 students in 2019-20, up from 160 the prior year
 - Projected to eventually serve ~350 students by 2022-23
 - 9th grade size is now ~88 students
- MetWest is a citywide school without a neighborhood enrollment priority
- MetWest is located across two campuses: Westlake and La Escuelita
- MetWest is co-located and shares the building with Westlake Middle School

Current Enrollment Status - Ethnicity

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- Select Subgroup
- African American
 - Asian
 - Filipino
 - Latino
 - Multiple Ethnicity
 - Native American
 - Pacific Islander
 - White
 - Not Reported

Current Challenges

- Demographics of MetWest do not fully reflect OUSD (see previous slide)
- As MetWest expands, all staff are committed to the goal of ensuring access for all students from all parts of Oakland
- Co-locations are challenging for a number of reasons - building community among co-located schools is crucial

Proposal

Add a feeder school priority to MetWest's enrollment priorities for both Westlake and La Escuelita

- Priority would be up to 15% of students from La Escuelita and Westlake each, as long as schools are sharing a campus
- Priority would be sequenced after siblings and before children of staff priority
- Temporary for 2 years

Rationale

- Feeder priorities contribute to a collaborative and supportive climate on the campuses
- Feeder priorities should contribute to MetWest's diversity
 - Westlake is ~50% African American, compared to 17% at MetWest
 - La Escuelita ~20% Asian, compared to 6% at MetWest
- This priority should be revisited every few years, to evaluate the impact and determine long-term viability of this priority

Considerations

- OUSD does not have a stated strategic plan around diversity. This would be a pilot/test case for how pro-diversity enrollment policies could look. The district has a goal of comprehensively re-thinking its enrollment policy, but that will take considerable time.
- Does this set a precedent that every co-location should include a feeder priority?
- If either pair of schools is no longer co-located at some point in the future, would make sense to revisit feeder school priority
 - Note: would be challenging to remove this type of benefit for a school
- Top current feeder schools to Metwest
 - Urban Promise Academy - 24 students went to Metwest in 2019-20
 - Ascend - 8 students
 - La Escuelita - 6 students
- Enrollment priority does not guarantee diversity - need a comprehensive plan addressing recruitment and school culture/climate

Community Engagement

La Escuelita SSC

- All families and staff present were in favor of the priority enrollment

Westlake

- Recruitment outreach to all families through a mailing
- Open house and tour for all 8th grade students and families on 11/7
- Staff and administration is very supportive of this shift in enrollment

Ascend

- Supports the goals and intentionality behind the proposal

Urban Promise Academy

- In the process of engaging

Community Engagement

OUSD Board Member Aimee Eng

- Supports this proposal and the ways it will serve Oakland students and families

MetWest

- Supports the proposal and goals of increasing diversity

Next Steps

- Incorporate any feedback from first read
- Bring to Board for a vote to adopt [December]
- If adopted,
 - Update priorities in SchoolFinder and implement in SchoolMint
 - Communicate change to families at affected schools and consider recruitment plan at Westlake/La Escuelita
 - Continued planning among MetWest staff to prepare for serving students from a diverse community

Appendix

Current Top Feeder Schools

6 middle schools had 5 or more students from last year who currently attend MetWest.

Feeder Middle School	# Students at MetWest in Gr. 9	% of MetWest Gr. 9 Enrollment
Urban Promise Academy	24	29%
Ascend Charter School	8	10%
La Escuelita	6	7%
Edna Brewer	5	6%
Melrose Leadership Academy	5	6%
Roosevelt	5	6%

Demographics of MetWest, Last Year vs This Year

As the 9th grade class at MetWest doubled in size, from 2018-19 to 2019-20, the largest ethnicity change was in the percent of White students.

Demographic Group	% of 9th Graders, 2018-19	% of 9th Graders, 2019-20
African American	12%	11%
Asian	5%	5%
Latinx	74%	65%
White	5%	13%
Other Ethnicity	5%	6%