



# LIGHTHOUSE

A Lighthouse Community Public School

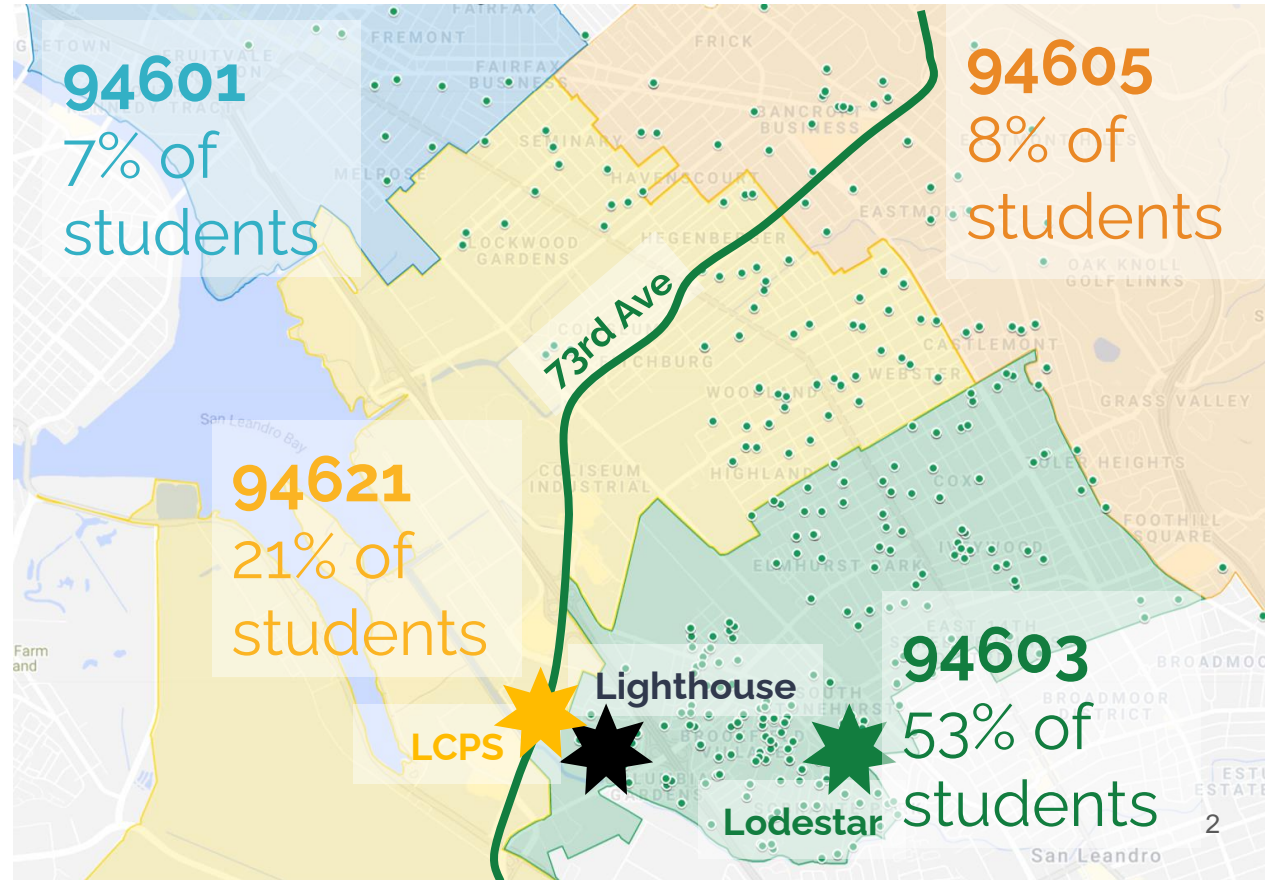
## Lighthouse K-8: Material Revision for TK and Enrollment Increase

*Public Hearing: February 28,  
2024*

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89% of our students are from East Oakland.

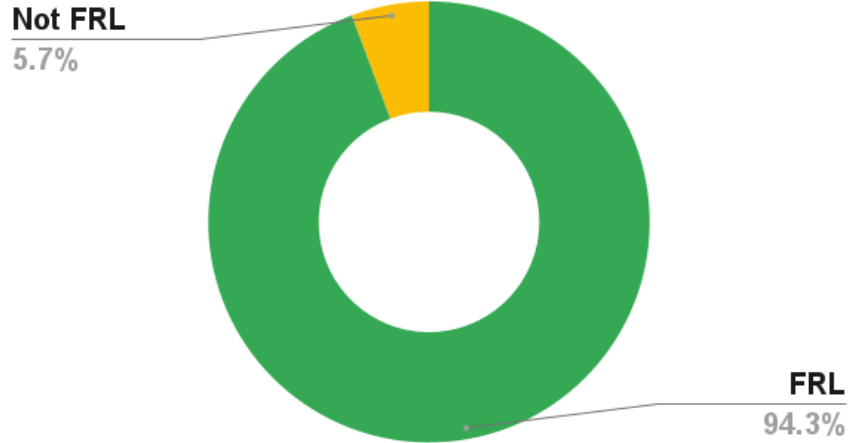
74% live within 2 miles of our schools.



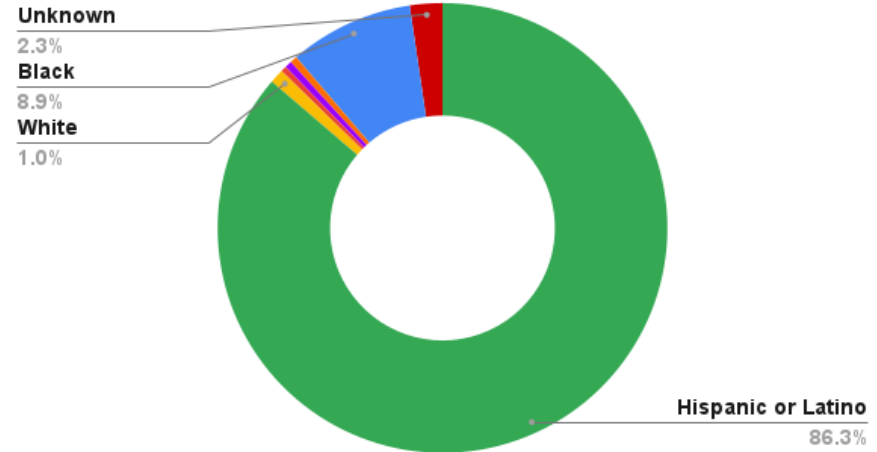
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Our student demographics have shifted since the pandemic, and LCPS serves a diverse and deserving community reflective of the needs of District 7.

LCPS Students Eligible for FRL SY 23-24



LCPS Students by Ethnicity SY 23-24



- **95.3%** Unduplicated Pupils
- **47.7%** students who are English Language learners
- **15.4%** Students with Disabilities.



# Thank you for approving our material revisions in 2022 to prioritize enrolling unsheltered students.

We are our honoring our commitment to serve the increasing need for unsheltered students in East Oakland at Lighthouse K-12 and at Lodestar K-12.

- Percent of California students who are unsheltered: 3.2% (SY22-23)
- Percent of LCPS students who are unsheltered: 2.6% (SY23-24)

As a part of our Community Schools grant, our teams connects unsheltered families with essential resources and support.



| 21-22                | 22-23                | 23-24                |
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| 29 students enrolled | 34 students enrolled | 41 students enrolled |



# Lighthouse K-8: Performance and Growth based on CA School Dashboard and CORE Districts

## CORE Districts Growth Report

- Lighthouse MS students outperformed **88%** of their peers in ELA and **52%** of their statewide peers in Math.

### English Language Arts



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### Mathematics



Yellow

### English Learner Progress



Orange

### Chronic Absenteeism



Yellow

### Suspension Rate



Green



# We want to serve the needs of our community: Offer State-Mandated Transitional Kindergarten

We are seeking a material revision to our charter to **add 65 total seats**

- 40 for 2 sections of TK
  - 25 to add students to our Middle School
- 1) CA has made TK offering mandatory for district schools, and **Lighthouse would like our community to have same opportunities for a 2- year Kindergarten program.**
  - 1) Our MS program has **had a waitlist last 5 years and seeks to add 8 to 9 students at each grade to meet demand and to sustain our Special Education and Specialized Programs.**



# We want to serve the needs of our community: Transitional Kindergarten

## Lighthouse wants to meet our existing families' demand for TK:

- **90% of surveyed families** (Dec 2023) support offering TK.
- **87% of surveyed families** would take advantage of the program if they had an eligible child.
- **One-third of families** surveyed had a child eligible to enroll in TK in the 2025-26 school year.
- **Unhoused families, neighborhood, and sibling preference** are prioritized in our lottery.

## Research-Based Benefits of TK

- Literacy: Improved letter & word recognition vs non-TK peers in Kindergarten.
- Engagement: More engaged in school than non TK peers
- Notable impact on language skills for English Language Learners and Students with Disabilities, and math skills for low-income students.

**40 additional seats would allow us to operate 2 TK sections beginning in 25-26 school year.**



# We want to serve the needs of our community: Middle School growth to sustain our evolving needs

We have a **strong, consistent waitlist** for our Middle School grades. **We are prioritizing adding 25 students to our Middle School to sustain our programming.** We acknowledge that OUSD will focus on the redesign at Brookfield Elementary School, thus we are seeking seats specifically for middle school and not elementary seats.

## **Waitlist numbers from 2018-2023:**

- 6th grade: 180 students average/5 year
- 7th grade: 28 students average/5 year
- 8th grade: 48 students average/5 year





# We want to serve the needs of our community: Special Education and Specialized Programming



**We have strong and increasing demand for our Special Education** as evidenced by Unduplicated percentage increases over the last 3 years and **currently 15.4% of our Lighthouse students qualify for Special Education.**

**Specialized Programs:** Our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) is funded by our Community Schools Grant; we also offer a range of counseling services for our students and families.

**Team growth at the LCPS consortium level** with now 48 staff supporting SPED, counseling and MTSS coordinators across all three LEAs.

**Given a growing number of students receiving special education, counseling, or other specialized supports,** 25 additional MS students will sustain our impact and investment.

# We want to serve the needs of our community: Offer TK and increase enrollment to meet demand.

Lighthouse has been a part of the Oakland community for over 20 years, and as a community school, we want to provide our community what they need and want—**access to a two-year Kindergarten program and more seats in our high-demand Middle School.**

**Our growth, increase in our unduplicated percentages, and our continued K-12 student achievement and success benefit the entire Oakland community** by putting children on a path to college or career.

**We ask that you grant our request for a material revision to increase our capacity by 65 seats.**

