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To Board of Education

From Jennifer Brouhard

Meeting Date May 13, 2026

Subject Tribute to Student Director Maximus Simmons

Ask of the Board

Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2526-0249 - Tribute To Maximus Simmons, Student Board Director, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.

Background & Discussion

Student Director Simmons, a graduating Senior of Oakland High School, serves as one of two Student Members of the Board of Education current Academic Year. Director Simmons not only has served with distinction as a member of the Board over the last two years but over the last four school years has spent a significant amount of time in service to promoting Restorative Justice (RJ), including holding circles at two national restorative justice conference while promoting RJ at Oakland High, his soon to be Alma Mata.

Director Simmons has taken great pride in his work on the Board of Education, especially his work leading Mayor Barbara Lee's Youth Advisory Council and the work it does in the community, including taking direct action to support OUSD educators by holding regular fundraisers and school supply donation drives in the successful *Help A Teacha Out* campaign.

Director Simmons will graduate from Oakland High School on May 29, 2026 and plans to study Philosophy at California State University – Northridge in the Fall.

Recommendation

Adoption by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2526-0249 honoring Director Simmons for his service to the District with tons of best wishes in all future endeavors.

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
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Resolution No. 2526-0249

Tribute To Maximus Simmons, Student Board Director, July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026

WHEREAS, for the second year in a row, Maximus Simmons has served as a Student Board Director, this time as a Senior at Oakland High School in the Law & Social Justice Pathway; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons has been a delegate for the All City Council (ACC) since middle school, and joined the ACC leadership team as a Culture and Climate Director as a high school sophomore to help establish community within ACC; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons has devoted much of his spare time over the last four years in service of others by volunteering and teaching Restorative Justice (RJ), holding circles at two national restorative justice conferences while also helping set up RJ at Oakland High; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons is also dedicated to helping lead Mayor Barbara Lee's Youth Advisory Council and the work it does in the community, including taking direct action to support OUSD educators by holding regular fundraisers and school supply donation drives in the successful *Help A Teacha Out* campaign; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons has dedicated himself to representing Oakland students and amplifying every students' experience, ensuring that the District provides the resources and support needed to drive all students to graduate prepared for success; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons takes pride in his work with the Board of Education, and especially in having secured superintendent bi-weekly memos for student directors, holding fellow Board Directors accountable, and keeping our community updated throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, Director Simmons will graduate from Oakland High and leave his position as Student Director on the Board of Education this spring,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District thanks Director Simmons for his dedicated service to the students, staff, and families of Oakland and commends him for the passion and commitment with which he gave a powerful voice to the 34,000 students of the District.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 13th day of May 2026, in Oakland, California.

Jennifer Brouhard
President, Board of Education

(DISTRICT SEAL)

Denise Gail Saddler, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent of
Schools & Secretary,
Board of Education

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Mariana Smith - Student Director

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSED: Maximus Simmons - Student Director

AYES: Rachel Latta, VanCedric Williams, Mike Hutchinson, Patrice Berry, Clifford Thompson, Vice President Valarie Bachelor, President Jennifer Brouhard

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

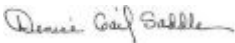
We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on May 13, 2026.

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