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All City Council Student Union's Student Director Report  
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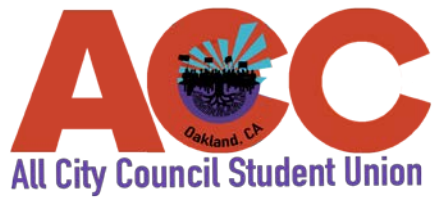
Good evening board members, Superintendent, students, families and community,

On behalf of All City Council Student Union, we want express gratitude for all those who have stood alongside with us during the past few turbulent months as we advocate for equity in our school system. Students have been actively engaged throughout every stage of the budget process. From meetings with board members and presenting them with pledges to stand with students, to attending late board meetings, holding a press conference to announce our budget priorities and surveying over 1000 students. We can confidently say that through these difficult times of feeling silenced and frustrated, a powerful youth movement, and cadre of new young leaders have emerged. We were successful in our efforts. Because of our organizing and your support, we have continuation of funding for many programs and services vital to our students from the city. Though these victories are temporary, they serve to remind us that the power belongs to the people. We would like to thank the students and their adult allies from Youth Together, Oakland Kids first - Real Hard, AYPAL, Oakland Pacific Islander Network, CFJ, BOP, and our OEA allies. It would not have been possible without the support of our community. This fight continues, and our students deserve long term funding. Let's embrace this challenge to make us stronger and closer.

Now, moving on to general updates and announcements, we are excited to announce our All City Council Student Union meeting for Middle School student leaders was a great success last Tuesday, April 16th. Edna Brewer student leaders hosted 35 middle school leaders from United for Success Academy, Westlake, Alliance, and Melrose Leadership Academy. They continued to plan our annual Oakland Middle School Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference. The Conference will be taking place on April 26th at Mills College.

We, as Student Directors, acknowledge that this role of Student Director is critical for the continued institutionalization of student voice in OUSD. In light of the previous term, there has been some change in protocol for interested student director candidates. To run for this position, students will need two recommendations and short responses on an application are required, after which an interview will take place to learn about your passion for student voice in our district, and you will then present your speech at our regular election during the annual Youth Action Summit on May 17th. Please share this information with students. If you are interested, please contact one of us for more information. I would also like to announce that Oakland High school is holding a fun day for our community to decompress from everything that has taken place recently and to have fun with our peers and teachers. The wildcat community is trying to raise some funds to make this day happen. This day is entirely planned by the students on the culture and climate team in partnership with our support staff. If you are interested in donating, please contact me, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Thank you.

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