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# **Board Cover Memorandum**

**To** Board of Education

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Meeting Date April 12, 2023

Subject Oakland Unified School District - Position On Named State Legislative Bills - As of April 12, 2023

Ask of the Board Adoption by the Board of Education of District's Position, as stated, on the

proposed State Legislative Bills - Assembly and Senate Bills - named herein, as of

April 12, 2023.

**Background** 

The Board of Education recently adopted its legislative platform that guides the

work of the District's legislative advocacy in Sacramento. The OUSD

Intergovernmental Relations committee is bringing forward recommendations of Assembly and Senate Bills that the Board should officially take a position on, in

close alignment to their adopted legislative platform.

**Discussion** None.

Fiscal Impact There are no fiscal impacts for this discussion. However, there are a number of

fiscal impacts that can accrue through adoption of the Assembly and Senate Bills included in the document. Some of the positions can lead to increased funds for

the District. Other positions can help avoid costly new mandates.

Attachment(s) • OUSD Board Recommended Bill Positions

# Oakland Unified School District Recommended Bill Positions

#### **Student Achievement**

**SB 293 (Grove)**: Pupil assessments: California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress: statewide results. This bill would require the department to make statewide summative CAASPP results publicly available by October 1 each year and would require the state board's calendar for delivering results to the department to be consistent with that deadline.

Recommend: **SUPPORT w amendments** to require charter school performance tiers be publicly available by a time certain

**AB 714 (McCarty)**: Pupil instruction: newcomer pupils: curriculum frameworks: high school coursework and graduation requirements: exemptions and alternatives.

This bill would, subject to an appropriation of funds for its purposes, require the State Department of Education, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services, to (A) develop and issue guidance regarding requirements, best practices, and available state and federally funded programs for newcomer pupils, (B) publicly report on an annual basis on its internet website the enrollment and performance of newcomer pupils, and (C) maintain at least one position dedicated to supporting local educational agencies, including charter schools, in serving newcomer pupils, as provided.

Recommend: SUPPORT

**AB 377 (Muratsuchi)**: Career technical education: California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program: Strong Workforce Program.

This bill instead would provide, for the 2024–25 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, that \$450,000,000 shall be made available to the department upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the program. The bill would reduce the proportional match for the 2024–25 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, to \$1 for regional occupational centers or programs operated by a joint powers authority or those operated by a county office of education, and to \$1.50 for local educational agencies.

Recommend: SUPPORT

SB 274 (Skinner): Suspensions and expulsions: willful defiance

This bill would remove disrupting school activities or otherwise willfully defying the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties from the list of acts for which a pupil, regardless of their grade of enrollment, may be suspended or recommended for expulsion. The bill would extend the prohibition against the suspension of charter school pupils for those acts to all grades, indefinitely.

Recommend: SUPPORT

**SB 333 (Cortese)**: Homeless pupils: California Success, Opportunity, and Academic Resilience (SOAR) Guaranteed Income Program.

his bill, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature for this purpose, would require the State Department of Social Services to establish the California Success, Opportunity, and Academic Resilience (SOAR) Guaranteed Income Program. The program would award public school pupils who are in grade 12 and are homeless children or youths, as defined, a guaranteed income of \$1,000 each month for 5 months from April 1, 2025, to August 1, 2025, inclusive, as provided.

Recommend: SUPPORT

## **Educator Workforce**

AB 238 (Muratsuchi): California Student Teacher Support Grant Program.

The bill would, contingent upon an appropriation of one-time funding, establish the California Student Teacher Support Grant Program, under the administration of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, to award grants of an unspecified amount to teaching credential candidates to compensate the candidates while they perform the required student teaching.

Recommend: SUPPORT

AB 1699 (McCarty): K-14 classified employees: part-time or full-time vacancies: public postings.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other law, require vacancies for part-time or full-time positions of an education employer, as defined, to be open only to current regular and hourly employees, as provided, before the vacancy may be posted publicly for the general public to apply. The bill would require an interested part-time employee who does not meet the minimum qualifications for a vacancy to be offered paid on-the-job training for that vacancy. The bill

would require an education employer to accept a current part-time employee's number of years of service with the education employer, regardless of the capacity in which they were earned, when that part-time employee applies for an additional part-time assignment that requires a certain number of years of service.

Recommend: OPPOSE or OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED to narrow bill to certain classified positions

# **Charter Schools**

AB 533 (V. Fong): Charter schools: establishment of a charter school.

This bill would additionally authorize a petitioner to submit a charter petition to the county board of education on appeal within 30 days if the governing board of the school district fails to take action on the charter within the prescribed time period.

Recommend: OPPOSE

#### AB 739 (Alvarado-Gil): Charter school accountability: renewals

This bill would clarify that a chartering authority is only required to consider "verified data" if it is provided by the charter school. This bill, notwithstanding the renewal process and criteria effective July 1, 2021, would require all charter schools whose term expires on or between January 1, 2024, and June 30, 2027, inclusive, to have their term extended by an additional 2 years.

Recommend: OPPOSE

#### SB 810 (Alvarado-Gil): Charter schools: at-promise charter schools.

Current law requires charter schools to locate in accordance with geographic and site limitations, as provided. Current law provides an exception to this jurisdictional limitation for charter schools that provide instruction exclusively in partnership with one of specified federal or state job training entities. This bill would provide an additional exception to the jurisdictional limitation on charter schools for at-promise charter schools, as defined.

Recommend: OPPOSE

# **Facilities**

AB 247 (Muratsuchi): 2024 Statewide School Bond

This bill would set forth the Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024 as a state general obligation bond act that would provide an unspecified amount to construct and modernize education facilities. This bond act would become operative only if approved by the voters at an unspecified 2024 statewide election.

Recommend: SUPPORT

## **Early Childhood Education**

AB 555 (J. Carrillo): California state preschool programs.

Current law requires each state preschool program applicant or contracting agency to give priority for part-day and full-day programs according to a specified priority ranking. Current law requires the 3rd priority for services to be given to eligible 4-year-old children who are not enrolled in a state-funded transitional kindergarten program and requires the 4th priority to be given to eligible 3-year-old children. This bill would instead require the 3rd priority for services to be given to eligible 3- and 4-year old children who are not enrolled in a state-funded transitional kindergarten program, and would revise the remaining priorities accordingly. Additionally, this bill would provide increase reimbursement for children that meet certain criteria such as dual language learners and children with disabilities.

Recommend: SUPPORT

#### Governance

SB 411 (Portantino): Open meetings: teleconference: bodies with appointed membership

This bill would authorize a legislative body, defined as a board, commission, or advisory body of a local agency, the membership of which board, commission, or advisory body is appointed, to use alternate teleconferencing provisions similar to the emergency provisions indefinitely and without regard to a state of emergency.

Recommend: SUPPORT