

Support Sankofa AT Sankofa

Sankofa's students deserve stability.

- In less than 15 years, Sankofa has twice added and then taken away middle school grades
- Instability and uncertainty have led to the loss of families with students of all ages
- Between 2017 and 2019, Sankofa was overseen by 5 different principals
- Between the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years, Sankofa lost 5 of its 7 general ed classroom teachers
- Sankofa has three Special Day Classrooms; stability is particularly important for these students, many of whom have already moved schools at least once.

Sankofa's students deserve the resources they need to succeed.

- \$18 Million in Measure J funds that were promised for a middle school building were clawed back in 2013, redirected to fund a \$100 million admin building
- Intensive support promised to help make the K-8 program a success never materialized
- Mindfulness and restorative justice programs have contributed in the past to an improved school climate, but these eventually ceased due to inadequate funding
- Sankofa serves a high-needs population, and must be funded accordingly

Sankofa scholars shine when given stability and adequate resources.

- In 2008 alone, **Sankofa's API rose an incredible 156 points**, one of the largest gains in OUSD
- In the years following the 2008 recession – when OUSD had \$100 Million less funding than today – Sankofa still grew and thrived with a committed principal and a growing network of community partners.
- In 2011, based on years of steady academic gains, Sankofa was being held up as a model of what a community school could achieve for black children
- This year, Sankofa is under the leadership of an experienced, committed principal, and many changes are already underway. Our students deserve time to show what they can accomplish when given stability and adequate resources.

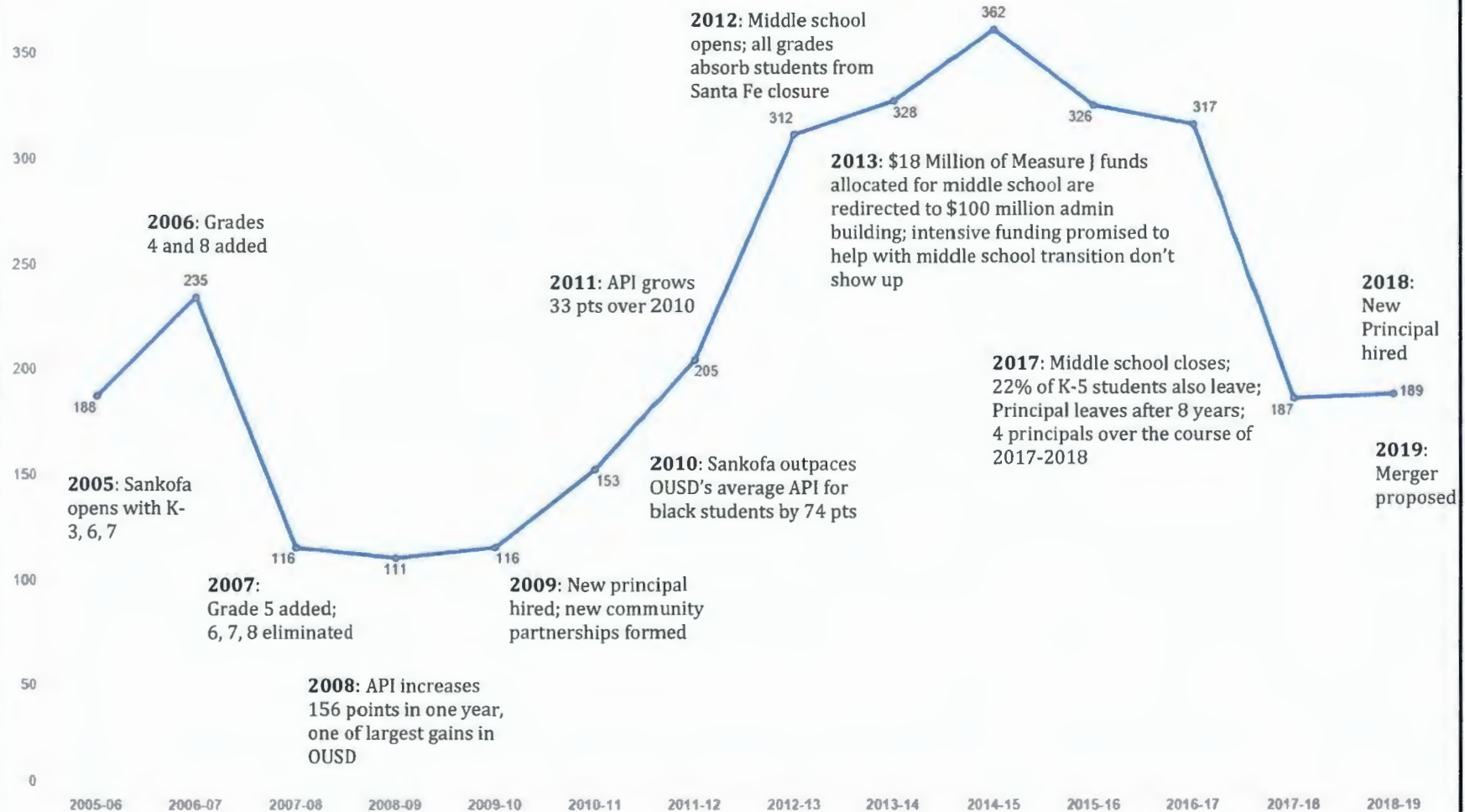
The Sankofa community deserves to stay in its historic home

- Sankofa's current site has been open as a school since 1905, first as Washington School and, starting in 2005, as Sankofa
- The Bushrod neighborhood surrounding Sankofa was for many years one of the few areas in Oakland where black families could buy a home
- Many of the children at Sankofa have parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles who attended Sankofa or Washington
- Gentrification is quickly changing the ethnic makeup of Bushrod and displacing many black families. Moving the Sankofa community – pushing it farther west to the Santa Fe campus – would reinforce this trend and represent a huge loss to North Oakland's African-American community.

ENROLLMENT OVER TIME

All Students

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**GLENVIEW ELEMENTARY PARENTS'
 PETITION TO SAVE THE SANTA FE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE,
 PRESERVE ITS USE AS A DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Dear Oakland Unified School District School Board:

In 2012, Santa Fe Elementary (915 54th St, Oakland, CA) after 51 years in the community, closed, leaving the stretch of Northwest Oakland--from San Pablo to MLK, from 67th to 34th--without a district-run elementary school. This school site was leased to Emeryville Unified School District until 2016, when Glenview Elementary began using the site as its own building underwent renovations. Neighborhood children were given priority enrollment access and now 65 children from Santa Fe, Gaskill, Golden Gate, and Longfellow neighborhoods attend Glenview at Santa Fe.

Once Glenview returns to its original site, the Santa Fe Elementary campus will be vacant. Under state law, this means OUSD must make vacant school properties available to charter schools for lease. Given that this site has been in continual use as a school campus enrolling children from the surrounding neighborhoods, we believe that a neighborhood serving District school can be successful here. In a survey of families Northwest Oakland families this summer, 40 of 49 respondents, including 11 charter parents, eight private school parents, and one out of district parent (Emeryville) would consider enrolling their child at a Santa Fe campus. Please keep Santa Fe a District School!

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August 28, 2019

To: OUSD Board

From: Sankofa Parents, Staff, Community members and Family

Re: Plans to Merge and Close Schools

Recommendation for Sankofa School

Dear OUSD School Board Members:

Thank you for having a great place at Sankofa, for our children to feel happy! We recommend that the district not close any of our schools, true justifications have **not** been provided to us! We are not convinced it's a "true" money Crisis! We are Sankofa Parents and staff, members of the community, as well as long time residents of the neighborhood, and our families are being Impacted!! We ask that you put the needs of our children first and not traumatize them, by forcing them out from the neighborhood, and environment they are used to! Having to transition them will cause a great negative impact! We request the district to put as much resources as possible, into Sankofa's school, in addition to added resources to our most vulnerable kids!

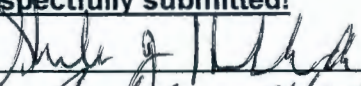
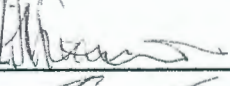
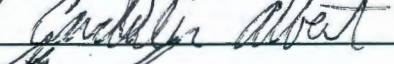




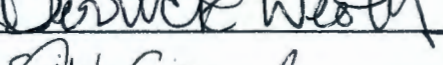
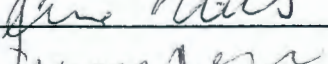
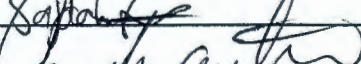
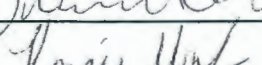

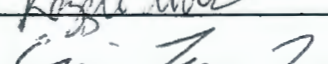
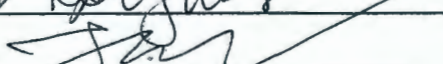
Our children, represent the most vulnerable class of children, which includes, special Education students. Some of them were traumatized in the past, and victimized at other schools. They were finally accepted at Sankofa, and they are happy at Sankofa!

Please also strengthen and expand the Special Education Program, and Keep the program at "SANKOFA"! **We reject the plan to move our school to Santa Fe! We just want our children to be able to stay in an environment they are used to, and to have a fair chance of academic success!!** We ask that you balance the budget from the top to insure that the funds are properly distributed as resources to our much needed children, who rely on a "quality education", and keeping our school Open!

We all stand as united Sankofa Parents, family, staff, and residents of the neighborhood and this is our recommendation!

Our signatures below, represents our DEMAND that you put our children first!!

Respectfully submitted!

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