

Dear Parents and Families of the American Indian Model School Community,

I am writing to share my appreciation for the strong support you provide your children and to share information about a recommendation I am making to the governing board of the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD).

The quality academic experience you value, and that your children are benefiting from, is a community asset. The students, teachers, school-site staff, and families deserve recognition for their considerable work and for their outstanding academic achievements. We are committed to ensuring that every child in Oakland has access to a high quality public school in their neighborhood and that they are on a clear path to a successful future. You have found this in the schools you are in now. I will work with you to ensure that your children continue to benefit from a school community that is similar to where they are and that they continue on the pathway to success they are currently on.

However, due to many serious legal issues, I am recommending to the governing board of OUSD that they approve a notice to revoke the charter of American Indian Model Schools. Those responsible for the governance and management of the charter organization have broken the law, a conclusion reached after investigations by three separate government agencies. I believe this action is necessary to ensure that public dollars are used legally and to the maximum benefit of students. To educate every child in Oakland our city must have high quality socially responsible public organizations that our citizens can trust.

Thank you for advocating on behalf of your children and for supporting them to achieve high academic outcomes. We will work with you closely over the months ahead to ensure you maintain access to high quality public schools.

Respectfully,



Tony Smith