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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Memo

To Board of Education

From Tony Smith, Ph.D., Superintendent
 Vernon Hal, Deputy Superintendent, Business & Operations *VEH*
 Jennifer Le Barre, Director of Nutrition Services

Board Meeting Date

Subject Request for Approval Priority Partnership Resolution

Action Requested Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1213- 0187 to become a priority partner for waste reduction with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority and the Alameda County Sources Reduction and Recycling Board.

Background The Oakland Unified School District has made some substantial waste reduction and recycling efforts in the past years and the District's Green Gloves program building custodial leadership for these efforts has provided a role model for other school districts in Alameda County. The partnership with Alameda County Waste Management Authority (ACWMA) supports OUSD's leadership role educating the next generation of sustainable citizens.

Discussion Successful diversion programs depend on the support of both facilities and education staff and require the direct involvement of students and teachers. The environmental benefit of OUSD's recycling and composting program is impressive. In the past year, the district's recycling and composting efforts reduced Greenhouse Gas emissions by 8,113 tons. That's an amount equivalent to pulling more than 1,500 cars off the road.

These programs also help realize important economic benefits for Oakland Unified which include:

- Reduced disposal costs.
- Improved worker safety.
- Reduced long-term liability.
- Increased efficiency of school operations.
- Decreased associated purchasing costs.
- Increased employee awareness

While the collaboration with ACWMA has already resulted in considerable cost



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savings it is estimated that by implementing a number of specific waste reduction strategies to reach 75% diversion, the OUSD could decrease solid waste management costs by up to \$150,000 annually. Reaching the goal of less than 10% good stuff in the garbage by 2020 will realize even greater financial benefit. Fully 97% of materials generated by Oakland Unified have the potential to either be composted or recycled.

Recommendation	Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 1213-0187-approving Priority Partnership Agreement
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution No. 1213-0187

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 1213-0187**

A RESOLUTION TO BECOME A PRIORITY PARTNER FOR WASTE REDUCTION WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AND THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING BOARD (ALSO KNOWN AS: STOPWASTE.ORG)

Whereas, Oakland Unified School District schools have an opportunity to teach students about waste reduction while meeting Math, Science, Social studies and English Language Arts standards by integrating environmental and sustainability education into the curricula; and

Whereas Oakland Unified School District schools have the opportunity to develop student leadership by providing students with opportunities to engage in curriculum action projects that enhance the sustainability of their classroom, school and local community; and

Whereas, Oakland Unified School District schools have many opportunities and choices to use natural resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; and

Whereas, StopWaste.Org has historically provided and hopes to continue to provide free of charge a suite of environmental education services that include: assemblies, transfer station tours, custodial and teacher trainings, in-classroom support for student action projects, and support for service learning curriculum activities.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Oakland Unified School District will continue its progress toward creating sustainable school sites through improvement of the District's recycling and composting programs through the following five commitments:

1. **The Oakland Unified School District will** designate a District-wide liaison to serve as a single point of contact between our agency and your district.
2. **The Oakland Unified School District will** commit to reducing the amount of readily recyclable and compostable materials in trash sent to landfill to less than 10% by 2020.
3. **The Oakland Unified School District will** support annual assessment to track progress toward achieving commitment 2, including public access to annual assessment data. StopWaste.Org will fund professional annual assessments or support well-organized student and teacher led on-site assessments (as some schools have done already).
4. **The Oakland Unified School District will** release an Administrative Instruction establishing district procedures for reaching the less than 10% by 2020 goal, and edit it annually to maintain accuracy. A sample is attached. The content of the instruction is flexible and at the School District's discretion.
5. **The Oakland Unified School District will** commit to provide source separated recycling and organics service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District this 12th day of June, 2013; by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Jody London, Christopher Dobbins, James Harris, Roseann Torres, Anne Campbell-Washington, Vice President Jumoke Hinton Hodge, President David Kakishiba

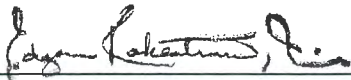
NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION

I, Edgar Rakestraw, Secretary of the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District, Alameda County, State of California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly approved and adopted by the Governing Board of said District at a meeting thereof held on the 12th day of June 2013 with a copy of such Resolution being on file in the Office of the Governing Board of said District.



Edgar Rakestraw, Jr.
Secretary, Governing Board

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