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Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Kyla Johnson-Trammell, Superintendent
 Sondra Aguilera, Chief Academic Officer
 Vanessa Sifuentes, High School Network Superintendent
 Juan Du, Executive Director, Research, Assessment and Data
 Shalonda Gregory, Principal, MetWest High School

Meeting Date June 26, 2024

Subject MetWest High School: Alternative School of Choice Status and New County-District-School Code

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2324-0229, authorizing the Alternative School of Choice Status for MetWest High School effective the 2024-2025 school year and to request a new County-District-School (CDS) Code.

Background In May 2000, the Oakland Board of Education unanimously passed a New Small Autonomous Schools (NSAS) District Policy calling for the creation of new, small, redesigned schools in Oakland’s densely populated flatlands neighborhoods, home to most of Oakland’s low-income families.

Two years later, in 2002, MetWest High School opened as one of the first "new small autonomous schools" in Oakland and was designed to foster student success through experiential learning and an extensive internship program modeled after the Big Picture Learning Model (BPL).

Among MetWest’s most unique features is an academic program model that allows students to receive grade-appropriate and standards-aligned instruction from credentialed teachers three-days per week. Students spend the additional two instructional days at off-site internships of their choosing while receiving direct support and mentorship from their Advisor.

The MetWest instructional model affords students unique learning opportunities where they receive an A-G aligned learning experience while simultaneously gaining real-life skills applicable in any post-secondary setting and in the workforce. Since its founding, MetWest’s unique program has prepared students who have gone on to become scholars, community leaders, and entrepreneurs, many of whom have returned to serve OUSD as teachers and other key leadership staff.

Discussion To provide its unique instructional model with three days of traditional in-person instruction and two days of off-campus internships, MetWest High School was intended to be established with the designation of an Alternative School of Choice (ASoC) by the California Department of Education. According to the [California Department of Education](#) (CDE), for a school to be classified as an alternative school of choice, it must meet at least the following criteria:

- The organizational entity must be within the state public education system.
- Students and teachers must be selected from among volunteers.
- The educational program must be essentially equivalent to grade-level programs of the district.
- The learning environment must be such that it allows students to achieve their maximum potential.
- Alternative schools of choice must also be offered in addition to, rather than in place of, the traditional program.

Though MetWest’s instructional model has not changed since its founding, MetWest’s [educational program type](#) is currently classified by the California Department of Education as “Traditional.”

Per District staff review and the evidence provided, MetWest is not a “Traditional” high school. It should be reclassified as an “Alternative School of Choice,” given it meets the criteria required by CDE.

Correcting MetWest’s educational program type to accurately reflect its status as an Alternative School of Choice will give the community a true and accurate understanding of its unique program. ASoC status will also allow MetWest to accurately capture student attendance via the Independent Study attendance accounting model, given the school’s instructional program includes in-person and off-campus learning via internships. Correcting the school type will also require a newly established County-District-School (CDS) Code since, per the CDE, existing CDS Codes cannot be repurposed when changing a school’s designated program type.

Fiscal Impact N/A

Attachments: Resolution No. 2324-0229
County District School Online Application: MetWest

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
Resolution No. 2324-0229**

**Redesignation of MetWest High School as an Alternative School of Choice and Application for
County-District-School (CDS) Code**

WHEREAS, In May 2000, the Oakland Board of Education unanimously passed a New Small Autonomous Schools (NSAS) District Policy calling for the creation of new, small, redesigned schools in Oakland's densely populated flatlands neighborhoods, home to most of Oakland's low-income families.

WHEREAS, MetWest High School was established in 2002 as part of this initiative and was designed to foster student success through experiential learning and an extensive internship program modeled after the Big Picture Learning (BPL) model.

WHEREAS, MetWest High School has a unique academic program model that allows students to receive grade-appropriate and standards-aligned instruction from credentialed teachers three days per week and spend the remaining two days per week at off-site internships of their choosing while receiving direct support and mentorship from their Advisor.

WHEREAS, The MetWest instructional model affords students unique learning opportunities where they receive an A-G aligned learning experience while simultaneously gaining real-life skills that are applicable in any post-secondary setting as well as in the workforce.

WHEREAS, To most accurately reflect MetWest's unique instructional program model and to effectively capture student attendance data, it is most appropriate for MetWest High School to be classified by the California Department of Education as an Alternative School of Choice.

WHEREAS, MetWest is currently classified as a traditional high school according to the California Department of Education under County-District-School (CDS) Code 01-61259-0100701.

WHEREAS, Per the California Department of Education, a school's current County-District-School (CDS) code cannot be repurposed when changing a school's designated educational program type.

WHEREAS, A new CDS Code will need to be established for MetWest High School upon the change of the classification of the school's educational program type.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves changing MetWest High School's program designation from "Traditional" to "Alternative School of Choice" per the criteria established by the California Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the closure of MetWest High School's current CDS Code 01-61259-0100701.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the District's request to the California Department of Education to establish a new CDS Code for MetWest High School.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Jennifer Brouhard, Jorge Lerma, Valarie Bachelor, Clifford Thompson, President Benjamin Davis

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: Vice President Mike Hutchinson, VanCedric Williams, Anevay Cruz (Student Director), Vida Mendoza (Student Director)

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District, held on June 26, 2024.

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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Benjamin 'Sam' Davis
President, Board of Education



Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Secretary, Board of Education

Application for a New School CDS Code

Application Status

Confirmation Number: 240607160943529-93N8

Date Submitted: 06/07/2024 04:09 PM

School CDS Code: Pending Approval

Files Uploaded: 0

School Information

1. ***Regional Occupation Center/Program:** No
2. ***County:** Alameda
3. ***District:** Oakland Unified
4. ***School:** MetWest High School
5. ***School Type:** Alternative Schools of Choice
6. ***Educational Program:** Alternative School of Choice
7. ***Open Date:** 08/12/2024
8. ***Estimated Enrollment:** 300
9. ***Low Grade:** Grade Nine
10. ***High Grade:** Grade Twelve
11. ***Virtual Status:** Not Virtual
12. ***Year Round:** No
13. ***Magnet:** No
14. **Email:** No Data
15. **Website:** <http://metwest.ousd.org/>
16. ***Phone Number:** (510) 879-2338
17. **Phone Extension:** No Data
18. **Fax:** No Data
19. ***Education Code:** Alternative schools, EC § 58500

School Physical Address

20. ***Street:** 314 E 10Th St
21. ***City:** Oakland
22. ***State:** CA
23. ***Zip:** 94606
24. **Zip4:** No Data

School Mailing Address

25. Street: 314 E 10Th St

26. City: Oakland

27. State: CA

28. Zip: 94606

29. Zip4: No Data

Principal Information

30. *First Name: Shalonda

31. *Last Name: Gregory

32. *Job Title: Principal

33. *Email: shalonda.gregory@ousd.org

34. *Phone Number: (510) 879-2338

35. Phone Extension:

Charter School Information

36. *Charter School: No

Applicant Information

***Applicant's Name:** Vanessa Sifuentes

***Applicant's Email:** vanessa.sifuentes@ousd.org



Signature Page

Please have the district superintendent review and sign this page. Once signed, please submit it to the CBEDS/CDS Support Office via [Upload Files](#), email at [cgsadmin@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cdsadmin@cde.ca.gov), fax at 916-327-0195, or mail it to the address below.

CDS Administration
CBEDS/CDS Support Office
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 6308
Sacramento, CA 95814

Summary of CDS Code Application Information

Confirmation Number: 240607160943529-93N8

School: MetWest High School

County: Alameda

District: Oakland Unified

School Type: Alternative Schools of Choice

Educational Program: Alternative School of Choice

Charter: No

Regional Occupation Center/Program: No

Open Date: 08/12/2024

Estimated Enrollment: 300

Grade Span: Grade Nine - Grade Twelve

Physical Street:
314 E 10Th St
Oakland, CA 94606

Principal Name: Shalonda Gregory

District Superintendent's Certification

I hereby confirm that the local governing board has approved the establishment of the above listed school and that the information contained in this Application for a CDS Code is true and accurate. *

Printed Name: Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell
Job Title: Superintendent
Date: 6/27/2024
Signature:

*This signature page includes only selected fields from the CDS Code Application. Please review the complete CDS Code Application for further information.