

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 2122-0026

Quality Instruction and Student Supports, Adequate Staffing, Competitive Compensation, and Long-Term Fiscal Stability

WHEREAS, all students deserve safe schools with strong instruction and strong social-emotional supports - all things which require adequate staffing;

WHEREAS, underenrolled schools cannot support a sufficient number of staff to offer a strong instructional program nor can they properly serve as community schools;

WHEREAS, underenrolled schools also draw a disproportionate amount of resources to operate, which means that other, fully enrolled schools receive less revenue than they would otherwise, which negatively impacts these schools' ability to properly serve as community schools and offer strong instructional programs;

WHEREAS, given that Measure Y will cover less than a quarter of the District's \$3.4 billion in facility needs, the large number of sites increases the District's deferred maintenance costs and spreads the District's limited resources for deferred maintenance too thinly, which negatively impacts the District's ability to maintain quality facilities for all students;

WHEREAS, the large number of sites increases the District's operational costs (e.g., custodial, transportation, IT) and spreads the District's limited resources for operations too thinly, which negatively impacts the ability to provide quality services to schools;

WHEREAS, as illustrated in the table below, other districts with a similar enrollment have significantly fewer schools and fewer teachers and other districts with a similar number of schools have significantly higher enrollment:

District	2020-21 Enrollment	2020-21 Number of Schools	2020-21 Average School Size	Enrollment/Teacher Ratio*
Fontana USD	35,461	45	788	19.2
Fremont USD	34,782	43	809	19.5
Fresno USD	69,709	100	697	20.5
Hayward USD	19,069	33	578	19.6
Riverside USD	39,443	47	839	20.8
Santa Ana USD	43,917	54	813	22.2
Stockton USD	33,943	56	606	27.3
Oakland USD	35,489	81	438	15.8

**Ratio calculated with 2019-20 enrollment and 2018-19 teacher FTE (latest available data).*

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WHEREAS, the District currently operates 38 elementary, middle, and K-8 schools with projected 2022-23 enrollment of fewer than 400 students, of which 12 are projected to enroll less than 250 students;

WHEREAS, although the District has received a significant portion of one-time funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, its long-term financial challenges remain - particularly the longstanding issues of declining enrollment, increasing pension costs, and failure of the state and federal governments to fully fund special education costs - and have yet to be conclusively addressed;

WHEREAS, the District needs to make more ongoing revenue available to provide competitive compensation, especially given the current statewide labor storage, competition from nearby districts, and the likelihood of significant inflationary pressures in the near future;

WHEREAS, without making such ongoing revenue available, the District cannot stay solvent, operate such a disproportionately high number of schools, and avoid making programmatic reductions that fundamentally undermine the ability of the District to operate and provide a basic level of instruction to all of its students, particularly those students with the highest needs; and

WHEREAS, a decision this year (2021-22) to consolidate schools as provided in this Resolution may make the District eligible for \$10 million in unrestricted funding under Assembly Bill No. 1840 ("AB 1840").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in order to employ sufficient staff to operate the District and its schools and to provide the necessary instructional offerings to students, to help the District offer competitive compensation, to repair and maintain quality school facilities, to more effectively use the District's limited resources, and to help address the District's long-term financial challenges, the Board of Education ("Board") hereby directs the Superintendent to present the Board - at the soonest reasonable opportunity (if needed, at one or more Special Board meetings called for this purpose), notwithstanding the requirements of Resolution No. 2021-0037 (Reparations for Black Students), Resolution No. 1819-0178 (Improving Community Engagement for Proposed School Changes), or any prior Board direction or action - a list of the school consolidations (i.e., closures or mergers) that can be reasonably implemented by Fall 2022 and/or Fall 2023;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the Superintendent to forward a proposal to the Board, no later than May 2022, for how the newly available facilities shall be utilized for District purposes should the Board vote to consolidate one or more of those schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, when presenting the list of proposed school consolidations, the Board directs the Superintendent to include an analysis of the projected ongoing financial impact to the District for 2022-23 and 2023-24; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs the Superintendent to propose a plan for significant short-term investments in those schools that would be expected to welcome the majority of families impacted by any school consolidations and, if need be, for redesigning those welcoming schools to become sustainable community schools so that they can better support their students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on January 12, 2022, by the Governing Board of the Oakland Unified School District by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: None

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Aimee Eng, Shanthi Gonzales, Clifford Thompson, Vice President Benjamin "Sam" Davis, President Gary Yee

NOES: VanCedric Williams, Mike Hutchinson

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None


ABSENT: Student Director Samantha Pal, Student Director Natalie Gallegos Chavez

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 January 12, 2022.

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