STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Summary of Report

OUSD

- What is ACC?
  - Who is on the Governing Board?
- Student & Community Voices
  - Lead Contamination
- Student Leadership & Events
  - Fall Retreat

What is ACC?

All City Council Student Union Mission & Vision

ALL CITY COUNCIL
Mission & Vision Statement

All City Council (ACC) seeks to create positive change in our schools. We amplify student voice by serving as a bridge between adult decision makers and the student body. We are a diverse team of student leaders who represent or are elected by the masses of students at our schools. ACC organizes campaigns and activities to serve the assessed needs of our constituents; including addressing internalized, interpersonal, and institutional oppression in our daily lives and the daily functioning of our schools and working towards solutions.

All City Council Governing Board for 2024-25 School Year

Student Directors: Maximus Simmons & Michele Vasquez

LCAP Directors: Ariana Astorga Vega & Lina Nguyen

Health & Wellness Director: Sophie Mehouelley

Culture & Climate Director: Inara Shafiq

President: Marianna Smith

Vice President: Ashley Tchanyoum

Historian: Calupe Kaufusi

Two Open Positions - any OUSD HS student can run

Left to Right: Ashley Tchanyoum, Marianna Smith, Calupe Kaufusi, Sophie Mehouelley, Michele Vasquez, Ariana Astorga Vega, Lina Nguyen, Inara Shafiq, Maximus Simmons (below)

LISTENING TO STUDENT & COMMUNITY VOICES

Lead Contamination

- Student Voice & Concerns

Kaylena Vuong (OUSD Student) - “Lead contamination is extremely harmful, especially when occurring within schools. From a psychological standpoint, lead exposure can contribute to mental health problems such as anxiety, and depression. For the overall community, those exposed to lead may experience high levels of stress and emotional behaviors along with the fact that the effects of lead exposure are not just during childhood but can lead into adulthood and stick with the student for a long time.”

Jazmine Pacheco (OUSD Student) - “As a student of the OUSD it is frightening to know that lead could be contaminating our water supply. Especially due to the fact that exposure to lead can directly inflict a negative impact on one’s mental health. In a community that is already impacted by various negative factors it is unsettling to know that something as vital as water could also be negatively impacting OUSD students. I hope to hear this issue is resolved soon!”

Lead Contamination

- Community Voice & Concerns

Hector Vasquez - “I am very concerned about this issue. I suggest that any water source that the schools have like fountains, faucets, etc have filters that help keep the lead away. This may be something that you may have done already, but it’s helpful to also consider doing monthly check-ups on these filters so you can switch them out when needed.”

Flor Vasquez - “This lead contamination is very damaging for our community, mainly for our young students. As you may know, low levels of exposure can interfere with thought processes which can lower children’s learning ability and can cause attention and behavioral problems. I hope the board can fix or find a solution to this immediately.”

New School Policies/Procedures

- Communication to students with implementation of new school policies and procedures
    - Lack of clarity leads to conflict between students and staff
    - How can we make communication more clear across all of our schools?

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS & FOCUS AREAS

- Open to all OUSD high school students
- Opportunities for students to get to know what ACC is and help us think deeper about this year's priorities
- Hold special elections for the two open positions
- Plan how we educate youth on youth vote

UPCOMING EVENTS & FOCUS AREAS

- We still need a Media Director & a Secretary!
  - Scan the QR code for more information!
- Special Elections will be taking place at our fall overnight retreat on Sept 27-28
- If possible, we would like to get representation from schools NOT currently on our Governing Board: **Castlemont, CCPA, Dewey, Life, MPA, Oakland International, Bunche, Rudsdale, Street Academy**

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Thank you

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