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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**
Community Schools, Thriving Students

Memo

To Facilities Committee

From Tadashi Nakadegawa, Acting Deputy Chief, Facilities Planning and Management

Committee Meeting Date January 10, 2019

Subject After Hours Community Access to School Grounds

Action Discussion regarding possible policy on after hours community access to school grounds

**Background/
Discussion** At one time all school grounds were accessible for after hours community access. Over the years most sites have transitioned to a locked, no access status after school hours. A number of issues have contributed to this change, the primary reasons being,

1. Loss of staffing available to regularly monitor and maintain facilities for community access,
2. An increase in instances of destructive vandalism during after hours use, and
3. Liability issues from injuries on unsupervised play structures and school grounds.

Over approximately the past 20 years, most school sites have refrained from allowing community access after regular school hours.

A few sites have maintained after hours access leading to an imbalance associated with certain communities having access to their neighborhood schools when others do not. The fact that the

remaining sites with after hours access are located in our most affluent neighborhoods highlights the issue of inequity. We are currently evaluating the use of programable time locks for walk gates as a way to facilitate time limited community access. We would pilot these locks at a few sites to determine if this is a useful technology to increase access.

We should consider developing policies that support and encourage the re-establishment of after hours community access districtwide. The forthcoming Green Schoolyard master plan will include some recommendations to support this. Any policies considered must have resources identified to mitigate the historical reasons for closure and strategies to protect those resources from recurring budget reductions.

Recommendation	Discussion regarding possible policy on After hours community access to school grounds.
Fiscal Impact	TBD pending policy development
Attachment	NA