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

# Memo

**To** Board of Education

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**Board Meeting Date** October 28, 2020

**Subject** Presentation - Special Education Roadmap Update - Special Education Department

## Action Requested and Recommendation

Presentation to the Board of Education by the Special Education Department, of an update of the Special Education Roadmap. The Special Education Department has shifted a significant portion of its human resources to support facilitation of virtual instruction and implementation of learning loss services due to the COVID-19 pandemic and consequent closure of OUSD schools for in-person instruction. While we pivot to this new and critical work, we are maintaining a focus on the core goals that comprise our Special Education Roadmap, as well.

## Background

Oakland Unified School District is a single-district Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). It provides services to over 6200 eligible students across all district schools, select charters, homes, hospitals, and private schools throughout the region. The SELPA's services and programs are guided by our 'Big Rocks' as indicated in our Special Education roadmap and in accordance with applicable federal and state law.

The Special Education Department monitors progress toward goals and outcomes through a Special Education roadmap. This roadmap serves as a guide for the plans and processes implemented across school sites to ensure comprehensive individual education programs for all eligible students in the least restrictive setting possible.

This presentation will provide an overview of the Department's progress toward our goals and next steps for each goal within the roadmap, as well as addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and the closure of schools to in-person instruction on students with disabilities.

The Special Education Department supports the implementation of Individual Education Programs (IEPs) for over 6,300 students across our Early Childhood-Young Adult Continuum. We have four key goals that drive our work:

- Multisensory Literacy for All
- Targeted Professional Development
- A Full Continuum of High School Services
- Commitment to a Free, Appropriate Public Education

This presentation will provide some information about our progress toward each of our goals, as well as updating the Board and public on the work being done to address Oakland Unified's disproportionate eligibility and discipline of African American students, and addressing the impacts of COVID-19 and the closure of schools to in-person instruction on students with disabilities.

**Attachments**

- Presentation, Special Education Roadmap Update