

Board Orientation November 20, 2020









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Welcome and Introductions







- To have an opportunity to build relationships between new and returning Board Members.
- To discuss the role of trust and trust-building in an effective governance team.
- To have a common understanding of the current Board and Superintendent Work Plans and the Senior Leadership Team members who are leading each deliverable on the work plans.



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Creating a Culture of Care

Getting to Our Shared "Why"





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Journal Write (5min)

- Why did you decide to run for the OUSD School Board?
- What were the motivating factors or events that led to your decision to run for a School Board seat and commit your service to the students and community of Oakland?
- What element of this work represents your "X-factor," meaning if it disappeared or wasn't part of your work as a board member, you'd have to stop because...?
- What does success look like or feel like for you personally, what about the School Board as a collective?

Getting to our Shared "Why"

Small Group Communication Structure (30min)

"Learn to Listen, Listen to Learn"

- Person 1 shares journal responses 2, 3 and 4 listen, but do not respond
- Person 2 shares journal responses 3, 4 and 1 listen, but do not respond
- Person 3 shares journal responses 4, 1, and 2 listen, but do not respond
- Person 4 shares journal responses 1, 2, and 3 listen, but do not respond
- Open discussion in group
- Identify someone to share a summary to the whole group

Whole Group Share out (10min)

Each small group shares one highlight from their group

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Introducing the 2020-21 Superintendent & Board Work Plans



As you listen to the presentations...

- → What do you see?
- → What do you think?
- → What do you wonder?



All Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) students will find joy in their academic experience while graduating with the skills to ensure they are caring, competent, fully-informed, critical thinkers who are prepared for college, career, and community success.



OUSD will build a Full Service Community District focused on high academic achievement while serving the whole child, eliminating inequity, and providing each child with excellent teachers, every day.

OUR GRADUATE PROFILE

Resilient Learners | Collaborative Teammates | Community Leaders Critical Thinkers | Creative Problem Solvers



Students First: We support students by providing multiple learning opportunities to ensure students feel respected and heard.

Equity: We provide everyone access to what they need to be successful.

Excellence: We hold ourselves to uncompromising standards to achieve extraordinary outcomes.

Integrity: We are honest, trustworthy and accountable.

Cultural Responsiveness: We resist assumptions and biases and see the gift of every student and adult.

Joy: We seek and celebrate moments of laughter and wonder.





Our students thrive when they have purpose, when they recognize that the way things are isn't the only way they could be, and when they have been equipped through a rigorous and liberatory education with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to make things better for themselves and their communities.



Our schools thrive when spaces are safe, welcoming to all and beautiful, and when principals, teachers, school staff and community lead together to provide the high quality learning experiences and personalized supports that students and families want and deserve.

THRIVING DISTRICT

Our district thrives when we are a united Oakland, when our employees and community find collective purpose in prioritizing and embracing all students, and when it functions smoothly, coherently, and effectively in service to all Oakland students, employees, and schools.

2020-21 Superintendent Work Plan

	THRIVING STUDENTS	THRIVING SCHOOLS	THRIVING DISTRICT	
Goals	 Provide high quality instruction in a distance learning and blended learning Assess and address learni and access gaps as a resu unfinished learning 		 Provide quality, accessible and fiscally sustainable school options in every neighborhood Create conditions for improved employee wellness Improve central department service to school sites 	
Deliverables	 Distribute devices and internet access to every student with a demonstratineed Develop a Learning Continand and Attendance Plan Develop a Disproportional Plan Reach agreements with lab partners around implementation of the goat for Thriving Students 	 implementation increase participation rates in the school meal program (breakfast and lunch) Open operations of "The Center"- Central 	 Develop a Comprehensive Organizational Wellness 3-year Plan Recommend Amendments to BP 5116 (Open Enrollment) with short term and long term changes Increase revenue generation from leases of property Recommend Blueprint for Quality Schools Cohort Proposals Develop and Implement System for Quality Service to Schools Data and Improvement Plans Develop a 2020-23 Strategic Plan 	

Performance Outcomes for Supt Work Plan

Г	Performance Outcomes Aligned to Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan	2020-21
Student performance	Increase the percentage of students reading at grade level in kindergarten and first grade for all and targeted groups.	+5 percentage points (Fall 2020 to Spring 2021)
	Increase growth on the annual ELPAC test and English Language Progress rates for English Learners and Long-Term English Learners	+2 percentage points (compare to 18-19 rates)
Attendance /	Increase graduation rates and A-G completion for all students & targeted subgroups	+2 percentage points
Engagement	Increase daily attendance rates of students participating in learning (evidence of participation in online activities, completion of regular assignments, completion of assessments)	95% of students participating
System -	Increase student & family connections with employees (evidence of engagement by engagement tracker, cost team service referrals, and virtual home visit)	95% of students engaged
related	Increase participation and satisfaction rates in Employee Covid 19 Survey	60% participation, +10 percentage points increase in satisfaction
L	Increase student access to devices and wifi for online learning	100%

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2020-21 Board Work Plan

	THRIVING STUDENTS	THRIVING SCHOOLS	THRIVING DISTRICT
Goals	 Provide high quality instruction in distance learning and blended learning Assess and address learning and access gaps as a result of unfinished learning 	 Launch the reimagination of safe, healthy, and welcoming learning environments 	 Provide quality, accessible and fiscally sustainable school options in every neighborhood Create conditions for improved governance and new board member orientation
Deliverables	 Adopt a Distance Learning Policy Adopt a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan 	 Adopt District Safety Plan and begin year 1 implementation Updated policies on race equity Provide direction and goals for a climate sustainability plan (emergency preparedness, clean energy, living schoolyards, fresh food, environmentally preferable purchasing, climate literacy) 	 Adopt Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 Adopt updated Enrollment Policy Increase revenue generation from leases of property Approve Citywide Blueprint for Quality Schools Recommendations Adopt 1st, 2nd, and 3rd interim 2020-2021 budgets Adopt budget for 2021-2022 Complete New Board Orientation Sessions

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2020-21 Senior Leadership Team



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OUSD Org Charts

- Chief of Staff
- Academics
- Business and Operations
- Systems and Services
- Talent
- Legal and Labor

World Cafe: Going Deeper with Staff

- Board members will rotate through their choice of 2 "stations" with SLT members to build relationships and share board member ideas about the work the SLT members shared earlier (Two 15 min sessions).
- Board members share with SLT members
 - What do you see?
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Public Comment & Questions







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Outcomes:

- To begin to identify the different working styles of the new and continuing board members
- To have a common understanding of communication rules and guidelines for board and staff, the strengths and weaknesses of the work styles of others on the governance team, and what we have learned about working together effectively.





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You can't tell by looking at me...





Board Members and staff share something you'd like others to know about you that they might not expect or imagine by looking at you.

- You don't need to share beyond your comfort zone.
- Challenge yourself
- Surface connections with others you might not assumed existed

HOTS Activity

These are four types that identify yours and other's preferred approach in any process. While all of us can and have to come up with ideas, make plan, identify problems and check off our 'to do' lists, there is an approach we MOST prefer if we have a choice. Any process benefits from every type.

(Adapted from initial model received from André Salvage)







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They do the work, research, outreach, or data entry. These are people who are meticulous, detail-oriented, and get the job done.

HOTS Activity

Step 1: Read the <u>HOTS Activity</u> handout to identify your working style (5min)

Step 2: Share with a small group your most dominant style and the strengths and challenges you bring (15min)





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Turtles

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Board Member-Staff Communication





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Regular Structures

- Monthly one-on-one meetings with the Superintendent
- Monthly one-on-one meetings with the General Counsel
- Bi-Weekly written "Message to the Board" from the Superintendent

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- Legal Updates
- 2x2s with staff on key work



Board Member-Staff Communication

Fundamental Tenets

- No surprises
- Initial communications <u>always</u> with Superintendent and SLT members. SLT Members will connect you with other staff as needed.
- <u>Always</u> cc Superintendent, General Counsel, and Senior Director, Special Projects when communicating with individual SLT members



Chief Academic Officer	All instructional matters All school site matters	Chief Systems and Services Officer	All IT matters All nutrition services matters All custodial matters
Chief of Staff	All external matters All media matters	Executive Director, Labor & ADR	All labor matters
Chief Talent Officer	All employee matters	General Counsel	All legal matters
Chief Business Officer	All finance and budget matters All facilities matters	Senior Director, Special Projects	All other matters (will help direct to the appropriate person)

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Board Bylaws

• Media (BB 9010):

- Board President is official spokesperson for Board
- Individual Board members have right to speak with media and express individual viewpoints
 - When speaking with media, individual Board members should make it clear that they are not speaking for the Board unless otherwise authorized by the Board President
 - First consult with Chief of Staff to obtain more information
 - If Board member publishes written opinion, it is expectation that s/he will notify the Superintendent, the General Counsel, and other Board members in advance

Board Bylaws

• Request for Information (BB 9200):

- Authorizes Board member to submit a request for information to the Superintendent
- At Superintendent's discretion, may respond to request or refer it to entire Board for consideration



Board Bylaws

- Role/Authority of Individual Board Member (BB 9005 and 9200)
 - Refrain from performing management functions that are responsibility of Superintendent and General Counsel and staff
 - Board authority rests with Board <u>as a whole</u> and not with individual Board member
 - Individual Board members may not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command services of any school employee
 - Superintendent is neither obligated nor expected to follow directions or instructions of individual board members

Check for Understanding



Scenario 1: Check for Understanding

- A Board member wants a particular school in the Board member's district to participate in an exciting field trip opportunity
- With whom should the Board member communicate?



Scenario 2: Check for Understanding

- A Board member wants information regarding suspensions for all schools in the Board member's district
- With whom should the Board member communicate?



Scenario 3: Check for Understanding

- A reporter contacts a Board member with a question regarding what the District is doing to reduce suspensions.
- With whom should the Board member communicate?



Scenario 4: Check for Understanding

- One staff member at a school site emails you (a Board member) to express concerns about the behavior of another staff member at the same site.
- With whom should the Board member communicate?



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Next Meeting: December 11, 1-4pm



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