



OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Long Term Fiscal Solvency and Decision Making

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Ask of the Board

- Review and discuss
 - March 1, 2021 Report from FCMAT
 - 2020-21 First Interim Budget Report from ACOE
- Provide direction if desired and as appropriate
 - E.g., schedule items for committee discussion, send follow up letter to FCMAT or ACOE

Outline

- AB 1840 Overview
- FCMAT/ACOE Report Topics (*Board questions and discussion after each topic*)
 - Citywide Plan
 - Long Term Fiscal Stability
 - BP 3150
 - Fiscal Vitality Plan
 - Follow Through

AB 1840

- Enacted in 2018
- Most attention on additional one-time funding if certain conditions are met
- Another important provisions requires FCMAT, with concurrence from ACOE, to “**report . . . the progress that Oakland Unified School District has made to**” reach certain annual benchmarks set forth in annual Budget Bill
- Annual report is due: March 1, 2019; March 1, 2020; and March 1, 2021

Citywide Plan

- “Continuing on the path to match district facilities to the student enrollment is critical to the fiscal solvency of the district.”

Staff will give a presentation on April 28 regarding the impact on the quality and fiscal sustainability of schools impacted by Cohorts 1 and 2

Long Term Fiscal Stability

- “The district has not accomplished what AB 1840 was intended, in part, to facilitate.”
- “The district has projected multimillion dollar annual deficits for the years immediately following the expiration of AB 1840 funding. And yet it has not taken the concerted action that would stabilize the district over the long-term.”

BP 3150

- “This policy has compromised the district administration’s ability to make a full return to fiscal solvency. It is inefficient and should be scrapped in favor of a more sustainable and realistic approach to the allocation of resources that best serves students. Merely allocating funds to a school site does not mean they efficiently and effectively serve the academic and social/emotional health of students.”

Fiscal Vitality Plan

- “The district has also struggled to meet improvement plans as evidenced by the Fiscal Vitality Plan, which was derived from a 2017 FCMAT Fiscal Health Risk Analysis. This plan was to be completed by 2019; however, as of February 2021, only 36% of the tasks have been completed.”

Follow Through

- “[T]here is a clear lack of commitment by the governance team to implement their own decisions. The most frequent and pronounced example of this is the repeated failure to implement adopted budget adjustments. Painful reductions are debated and finally adopted, then not implemented. This creates distrust regarding actual needs and focuses on the here and now instead of the long-term stability of the district, which ultimately impacts the quality of instructional and student services.”

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