



OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Public Hearing: Renaming the Howard Elementary - Roses in Concrete Merged School May 12, 2021



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# Ask of the Board

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Board Policy (“BP”) 7310 states, in relevant part, that: “Before adopting any proposed name, the Board shall hold a public hearing at which members of the public will be given an opportunity to provide input.”

After the Public Hearing, the intent would be to bring forward the proposed name for consideration by the Board on May 26, 2021.

## **OUSD School Naming Policy 7310**

**The Governing Board shall name district schools and other district-owned or leased buildings, grounds, and facilities in recognition of:**

- 1. Individuals, living or deceased, who have made outstanding contributions to the school community or who have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance**
- 2. Entities that have made outstanding contributions to the school community or that have made contributions of statewide, national, or worldwide significance**
- 3. The geographic area in which the school or building is located**
- 4. Community expressions of values consistent with the mission, aspiration, and/or purpose of public education in Oakland**



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# Outline

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- Design Team and Process
- OAK Vision and Mission
- Implementing the OAK Vision and Mission
- How the name was chosen

# Design Team

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- Principals of both Howard and Roses in Concrete
- 3 parents/caregivers from each school
- 3 school staff from each school
- Support from Office of Innovation and Office of Equity staff

Design Team began meeting and working collaboratively in October, and has engaged families, staff, and students throughout the process of developing the school vision, mission, and plans for implementation.

# OAK School Vision

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Our community cultivates resilient, engaged, and self-determined scholars who demonstrate the integrity, hope, knowledge, and skills that support the pursuit of personal achievement, racial social justice, and wellness. Students will confidently master grade-level content and leave our school ready to take on the next steps in their academic journey and their future endeavors. They will know they matter and be empowered to maximize their potential to make changes in our school and world. They will be prepared to disrupt systems of oppression by honoring and celebrating our community's cultures, histories, ancestries, experiences, abilities, and languages. Students, families, and staff will feel joy in knowing they belong to a community where everyone is loved, safe, seen, heard, and understood.

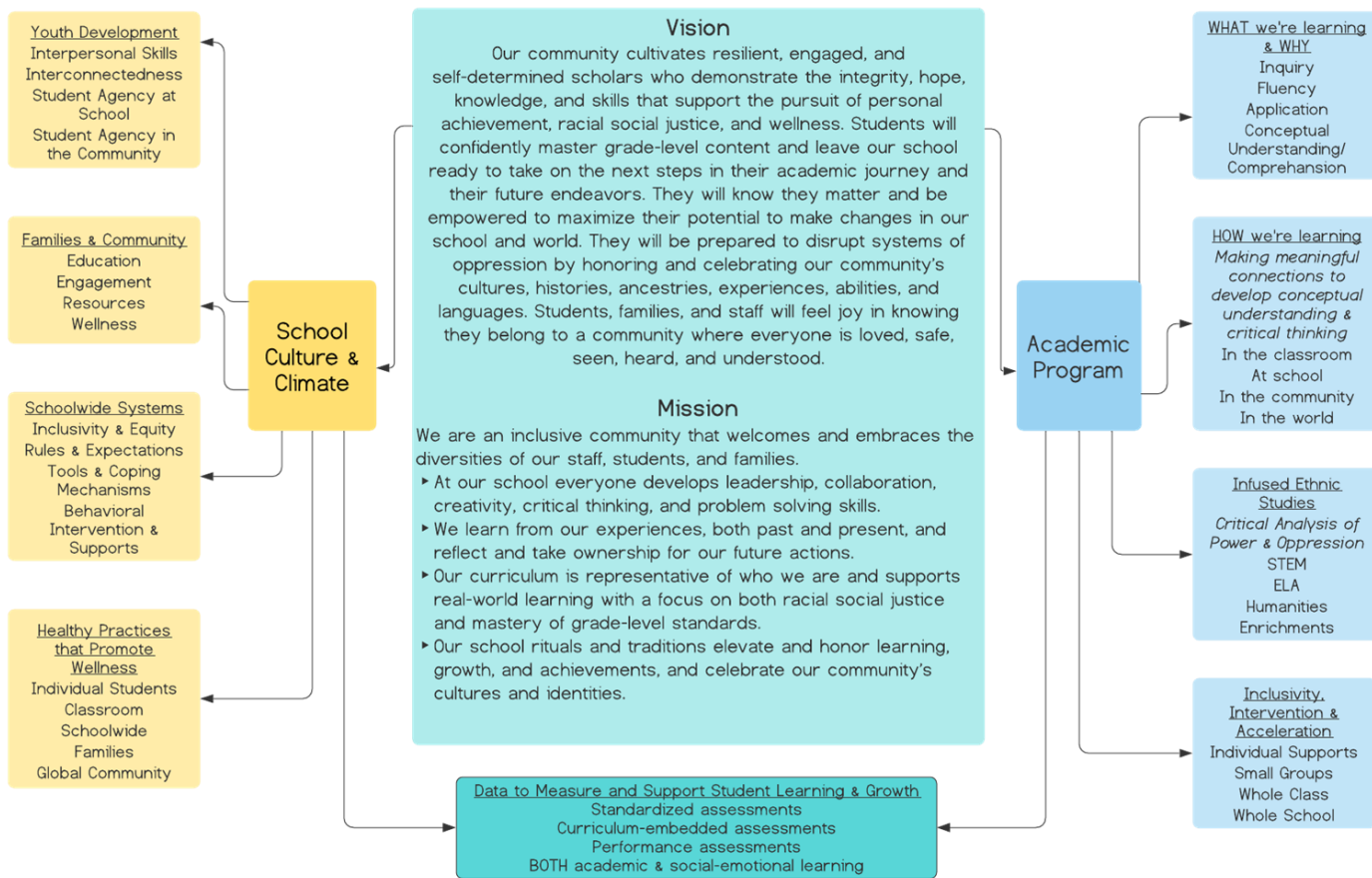
# OAK School Mission

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We are an inclusive community that welcomes and embraces the diversities of our staff, students, and families.

- At our school everyone develops leadership, collaboration, creativity, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.
- We learn from our experiences, both past and present, and reflect and take ownership for our future actions.
- Our curriculum is representative of who we are and supports real-world learning with a focus on both racial social justice and mastery of grade-level standards.
- Our school rituals and traditions elevate and honor learning, growth, and achievements, and celebrate our community's cultures and identities.

# Implementation of the Vision & Mission



# How the school name was chosen

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Names were suggested by students, families, and staff.

Design Team members reviewed all names and agreed on a few choices that represented the school vision and mission.

→ The Design Team wanted a name that reflects the school's rootedness in Oakland's local community and history, and communicates the redesigned, merged school's emphasis on real-world learning and deep connections with families and the local community.

Students, staff, and families voted on the new school name!



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