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

Board Cover Memorandum

To Board of Education

From Mike Hutchinson, Board President

Meeting Date December 13, 2023

Subject Designation - Brookfield Elementary School - First School Cohort 1 - Sustainable Community Schools School Redesign

Ask of the Board Approval by the Board of Education of Resolution No. 2324-0163 - Identifying Brookfield Elementary As The First School In Cohort 1 Of Sustainable Community Schools School Redesign.

Background

The first action the new Board took on January 11, 2023 was approving Resolution No. 2223-0035 which rescinded the plan to close schools and directed the superintendent to present options for a new sustainable community schools redesign process, “with the Impacted Schools being included in the first cohort of schools to be redesigned”.

School redesign, using a Sustainable Community Schools Model, is a proven way to bring transformational change to schools and builds off of years of work both within OUSD and nationally. One of the key pillars of this model of school redesign is a year long envisioning/redesign process that is led by a design team made up of the school community. For cohort 1, 2024-25 will be a redesign year and the redesigned schools will launch in 2025-26.

Discussion

The proposed Resolution would designate Brookfield Elementary as the first school in Cohort 1 of Sustainable Community Schools Redesign. Additionally, the proposed Resolution would direct the Superintendent to present a list of any other schools to

potentially add to Cohort 1, and a detailed plan and timeline for Cohort 1 in 2024-25, to the Board for approval by June 30, 2024.

Fiscal Impact None.

Attachment Resolution No. 2324-0163 - Identifying Brookfield Elementary As The First School In Cohort 1 Of Sustainable Community Schools School Redesign.

**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution No. 2324-0163

**IDENTIFYING BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY AS THE FIRST SCHOOL IN COHORT 1 OF SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL REDESIGN**

WHEREAS, The Oakland School Board believes that access to quality public schools is essential for the community and thus every neighborhood deserves a quality public school;

WHEREAS, previous Boards sought to expand existing quality schools, OUSD is now working to increase the number of quality schools;

WHEREAS, the closures of our traditional neighborhood public schools was a divisive and controversial policy;

WHEREAS, since 2012 the Oakland School Board voted to close ten schools:

Maxwell Park Elementary School in 2012

Santa Fe Elementary School in 2012

Marshall Elementary School in 2012

Lazear Elementary School in 2012

Lakeview Elementary School in 2012

ROOTS Middle School in 2019

Kaiser Elementary School in 2020

Parker K-8 in 2022

Community Day School in 2022

La Escuelita 6-8 in 2022

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2021, the School Board approved Resolution No. 2021-0128D - Budget Reductions In Lieu of Cohort 3 School Consolidations, which stated that “by approving these reductions, the Board satisfies the conditions set forth in the Citywide Plan Resolution such that the Superintendent shall no longer—and the Board need no longer—move forward with consideration of school consolidations under Cohort 3”. In other words, the passage of Resolution No. 2021-0128D effectively ended the school closure process connected to the Blueprint and the Citywide Plan;

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023 the school board passed Resolution No. 2223-0036 Revision of School Closures 2022-23, which rescinded the plan to close more schools under Resolution No. 2122-0030;

WHEREAS, with the passage of Resolution No. 2021-0128D and Resolution No. 2223-0036, there are no current plans to close nor consolidate schools in OUSD;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2223-0036 identified Brookfield Elementary, Grass Valley Elementary, Carl B. Munck Elementary, Korematsu Elementary, and Horace Mann Elementary as Impacted Schools and stated “the Board further directs the Superintendent to present options for a new sustainable community schools redesign process by May 31, 2023, with the Impacted Schools being included in the first cohort of schools to be redesigned”;

WHEREAS, although the sustainable community schools school Redesign Process is still being fully developed, the Board aims to identify the schools that will be entering this process at the earliest possible time;

WHEREAS, school redesign is not a closure, nor a consolidation and is thus not subject to AB 1912; and

WHEREAS, Brookfield Elementary has established a number of relationships with community partners like America Scores, Legos, NBA Cares, Math Hoops, Oakland Roots and Damian Lillard, which makes Brookfield an ideal candidate for the first school to be designated for Sustainable Community Schools School Redesign.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby directs that Brookfield Elementary is identified as the first school in cohort 1 of Sustainable Community Schools School Redesign. 2024-245 will be a “redesign year” and Brookfield will launch as a redesigned school for the 2025-26 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board further directs the Superintendent to develop a detailed process and timeline for school redesign in 2024-25, which includes identifying any additional schools to be added to cohort 1, to be brought to the Board for approval by the end of June, 2024.

Passed by the following vote:

PREFERENTIAL AYE: Vida Mendoza - Student Director

PREFERENTIAL NOE: None

PREFERENTIAL ABSTENTION: None

PREFERENTIAL RECUSE: None

AYES: Benjamin "Sam" Davis, Jennifer Brouhard, VanCedric Williams, Jorge Lerma, Valarie Bachelor, Vice President Clifford Thompson, President Mike Hutchinson

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: Anevay Cruz - Student Director

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held on December 13, 2023.

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