

# STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Summary of Report



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  - ICS Engagement

- Student Leadership & Events
  - ACC Annual Peer Resource and Ethnic Conference
  - Youth Action Summit
  - George Floyd Youth Taskforce

- Honoring Student Voices
  - George Floyd Youth Taskforce Engagements

# Summary of Events/Updates

# ACC High School Engagement Meetings

- Oakland International - 11 students (Jan 25)
  - Students feel safe inside of the campus but bullying is a concern
    - Different forms of harassment
    - Students don't want to share ideas because they will be made of for how they sound speaking English
  - Students feel their identity and cultures are respected
    - There are many students that speak different languages and have different beliefs but peers understand and respect each other
  - There is a wellness center available on campus but students feel their struggles aren't truly understood
    - Students are concerned about the confidentiality when they go and speak to the adults
    - Wellness center check-ins are not consistent when students are struggling
- Skyline- 29 students (Jan 31)
  - Students don't feel prepared for life after HS
    - Feel like they don't get rigorous or structured instruction
    - There may be plenty of resources but accessibility and knowledge of resources are an issue
  - Communication needs improvement
    - Generally, students feel safe even when fights, stabbings, shootings, etc. occur BUT feel that lack of clear communication creates feelings of unsafety and rumors begin to spread
    - Teachers may talk about mental health but don't often take the extra step to actually share resources that exist on campus or in OUSD to help students with these concerns/issues happening



# Middle School Meeting

- 4th Middle School Meeting on February 13th  
WOMS 11AM-3PM
- Topics:
  - Community Building Activities
  - Training on How To Create a Workshop
  - MS Ethnic Studies Conference Planning
  - School Action Project Timelines
- 5th and LAST Middle School Meeting will be held  
in April at Bret Harte - more information to come



# International Community School (ICS) Engagement

- Student directors visited ICS after school student council meeting
  - Consisted of about 8 students (grades 3rd-5th)
- Talked to them about our position & experience as Student Directors
- Shared with them our experience when serving on student body in elementary school
- Discussed ways to engage the rest of the school
  - Go to different classes and have votes to gain feedback for decision making
  - Create idea boxes in classrooms
- Discussed ways they could spend money they raised
  - School Dances
  - Carnivals
  - More fundraisers
- Students shared that there have request put in for 2 months so their swing could get repaired but it hasn't been fixed



# STUDENT LEADERSHIP & EVENTS

# Upcoming ACC High School Engagement

- February 15 at Madison Park Academy with Peer Wellness Leaders
- March 22 at CCPA with various students
- Scheduling some time with our Alternative Education schools



# Youth Action Summit

- This year All City Council's Youth Action Summit will be combined with an overnight retreat at Marin Headlands
  - April 19-April 20th
- Topics:
  - Community Building
  - Leadership Trainings & Workshops
  - Progression on ACC's priorities and data collected in 2023-24
  - Identifying Next Steps/Priorities for 2024-25
  - ACC Governing Board Elections
- All Governing Board positions will be open:
  - 2 Student Directors
  - 2 LCAP Directors
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Media Director
  - Culture & Climate Director
  - Historian
  - Secretary

# Youth Action Summit - All City Council Governing Board Elections

- Who should run?
  - Those who want to work in partnership with school staff and district leaders to address student priorities and concerns
  - Those who want to plan out monthly general meetings and events for both high school and middle school students
  - Those who want to train other students to be leaders, while building their own leadership skills
- All City Council is currently looking for organizations or individuals who would like to host workshops so please contact us if you are interested!

# ACC Annual Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference

Finalized the Theme for 26th Annual Middle School Peer Resource and Ethnic Studies Conference:

- You Can't Spell Justice Without U and I
- March 7 2024 - Time TBD at Mills College

We are looking for powerful youth-centered workshop facilitators!

Workshop Application:

<https://bit.ly/26thAnnual>

Performances Application:

<https://bit.ly/26thAnnualPerformances>



Picture from last year

# George Floyd Resolution Youth Taskforce

BOP (Black Organizing Project) and BAY-PEACE have been leading the George Floyd Resolution (GFR) Youth Task Force which is the student working group of the GFR Design Team. They have been engaging OUSD students in listening sessions about their experiences with safety at school and reporting back to the GFR Design Team. Currently, the GFR Youth Task Force is recruiting OUSD Students to participate in an internship centering school safety and advocating for youth leadership. The program encompasses Political Education, Youth Engagement, and Community Building. The internship launches on February 27th and the deadline to register is February 20th. Stipends will be available for youth participants.

For more information, email:  
Amani@blackorganizingproject or  
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**YOUTH TASK FORCE**

REGISTER BY  
FEB. 20TH

**GEORGE FLOYD RESOLUTION  
SAFETY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 27TH - APRIL 23RD

LOCATION: 610 16TH ST. #322 OAKLAND, CA 94612

RECRUITING OUSD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO BECOME  
YOUTH LEADERS IN ADVOCATING FOR ANTI POLICE  
PRESENCE BY REIMAGINING SCHOOL SAFETY.

BI-WEEKLY MEETINGS INCLUDE

- COMMUNITY BUILDING
- POLITICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS
- PUBLIC SPEAKING & ADVOCACY TRAINING

STIPENDS  
AVAILABLE

BAY-peace  
Black Organizing Project & Youth

BOP  
Black Organizing Project



# George Floyd Resolution Youth Task Force Cont.

The George Floyd Resolution people's budget is to ensure OUSD provides adequate investments of resources that are needed to provide school safety and resources back into school sites. The testimonies you see reflect what students in the district are saying in real time. These testimonies demonstrate that students are very clear on what they need to be safe.

The GFR Transformative Safety Plan presented to the Board in December 2022 outlines comprehensive Prevention; Crisis Response & Intervention strategies that reflect what students are saying in the GFR Youth Task Force Listening Sessions. It is URGENT that the Board take heed to student voice and Agendize a presentation about the GFR Safety Plan and Budget towards fulfilling OUSD's commitment to full implementation and investment of the GFR.

Main themes collected from Student input: Castlemont High School 8 students - (Feb 1st)

Prevention, After Care,

No preventive care for de-escalation of issues between students

Addressing issues once an incident happens

Lack of care after incidents happen

Aka:

Shootings

Fights

Bodily harm to another student

Surround environment and issues that happen outside of school

No regulations on who is allowed into campus

Lack of safety for students



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# Thank you

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