# Superintendent Report

#### Superintendent, Dr. Kyla Johnson-Trammell September 11, 2024





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#### **Our Vision**

All 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.

#### **Our Mission**

Oakland Unified School District (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.



# **Superintendent Report Overview**

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## Water Quality Highlights

#### **Progress Since Last Board Meeting**

- ★ Final push through Labor Day Weekend. 180 repairs completed for 32 schools and first step to bringing water sources back online once they test below 5 ppbs
- ★ Retesting is under way for the 32 Group 1 schools that have completed repairs
  - 8 Sites Completed
  - Week 9/4-9/6 11 scheduled (12 campuses)
- ★ All Group 2 schools have been tested and B & G currently working on repairs.
- ★ Testing window limited in mornings at school sites after water has sat overnight to get accurate readings.

#### Water Testing Protocols by EPA



3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities

A Training, Testing, and Taking Action Approach

**Revised Manual** 

**Testing must** be conducted early in the morning before school starts to ensure that we retrieve quality samples for testing.

#### **Increased Flowater Systems**

<u>60 Flowater Systems arrived in OUSD</u> at the week of the last Board meeting and we have begun installing them at the schools with the highest needs.

- 12 sites have already had additional systems installed in schools with identified need.
- Over 4,700 refillable water bottles will be provided to schools that identify need
- 7,200 reserve water bottles on order if schools have a water bottle filling station issues that require maintenance.

#### Order of Installation:

- 1. Prioritizing schools that have only 1 Flowater system with no backup water bottle filling systems
- 2. Prioritizing Schools with a high % of water sources with results over 5 ppb
- 3. Prioritizing schools with higher relative enrollment to Flowater systems with a ratio that is higher than 200 students per Flowater system.
- 4. Applying an equity framework using LCFF to prioritize schools with similar in above categories prioritizing high LCFF schools



## **Tracking Progress on Water Quality**

#### Working Draft of OUSD Water Quality Assessment and Remediation Plan 2024

School Groups	Group 1-Schools	Group 2 Schools	Group 3 Schools	Group 4 Schools	Group 5-Schools	
Description	Completed Testing Expedited Testing (Active Remediation) (Pre-1986 Construction)		Mixed Facilities Age New Construction-Post 2010 (New Buildings on Campus)		Early Childhood Centers	
Testing Window			Early October 2024 for Mixed Building Campuses	As Needed for Licensing		
Retesting	August-September	September for Round 1	TBD	TBD	As Needed	
Actions	OUSD tests 40 schools in the spring and summer months. When school sites were identified, they followed the following protocol. We are repairing the remaining faucets and drinking fountains, which were removed from operation by covering them with a bag. If they are no longer bagged contact custodial to recover. 83% (887 fotures) 5 ppb or lower (under the District's limit) 10.7% (116 fotures) tested above 5 ppb and below the state and federal limit of 15 ppb 6.5% (70 fixtures) tested higher than the State and Federal Limit of 15 ppb	OUSD schools that are over 50 years old and have not been tested. Due to the age of the schools and pipes, OUSD commenced testing on all drinking fountains at this site on the weekend of 8/17-8/18. Expedited testing of water in common areas including hallways and playgrounds. Teachers should <u>NOT</u> allow students to fill water bottles or cups in the classroom until full comprehensive testing is completed in Phase 2	The 1986 amended <u>Federal Safe Drinking</u> <u>Water Act</u> banned lead pipes, flux, and solder in construction. Because these campuses have newer construction, there is significantly less risk of elevated lead levels in these areas. Testing will begin completion of: Group 1 Group 2	School Buildings completed after 2010 are not required to be tested. As we complete new construction planned for Measure Y or past projects completed below after the 2010 date, these buildings will not need to be tested moving forward. Out of an abundance of caution, we will test these schools in 2024 after all Group 1, 2, 3, and 5 schools have been completed. These schools will be the last to be tested and may not require future testing based on regulations.	Because lead exposure occurs in the very early years and has the most significant impact on children at this age, the state licensing process requires OUSD's Early Childhood Centers to submit water testing every 5 years. All OUSD preschools and early childhood centers are licensed and on the state testing cycles aligned with licensing. Water quality data for ECE tested last year or as part of the licensing process.	

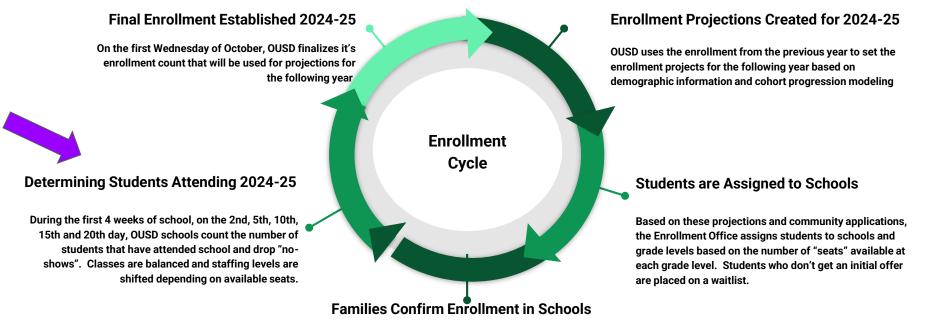
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Schools  *Bold means that the schools have had repairs completed and are ready for retesting  Updated 9/3/2024	All Tested Water Sources Below 5ppb 1. Chabot (No Repairs Needed) 2. Claremont MS (No Repairs Needed) 3. Greenleaf (No Repairs Needed) 4. Roosevelt MS (No Repairs Needed) 5. Sankofa (No Repairs Needed) 5. Sankofa (No Repairs Needed) Fixtures required repairs based on test results for some water sources: 1. Bella Vista Elementary 2. Bret Harte MS 3. Calvin Simmons-United for Success 4. Cleveland 5. Crocker Highlands 6. Dewey 7. Edna Brewer 8. Elmhurst United 9. Emerson 10. Frick United Academy 11. Fruitvale Elementary 12. Garfield 13. Global Family 14. Highland Community School 15. Hillcrest 16. Hoover 17. Horace Mann 18. Laurel Elementary 19. Lincoln	Elementary Schools 1. Bridges @ Meirose 2. East Oakland PRIDE 3. Brookfield 4. Grass Valley 5. Burckhalter 6. Carl Munck 7. Redwood Heights 8. Joaquin Miller 9. Meirose Leadership-Sherman 10. Meirose Leadership-Maxwell 11. Manzanita Campus 12. Prescott 13. Stonehurst Campus 14. Franklin 15. Piedmont Ave. High Schools and Young Adult 1. Castiernont 2. King Estates Campus 3. Skyline 4. Santa Fe Campus *Tested Drinking Fountains, Water Bottle Fillers and Prep Sink over after pulled out of service 8/17-8/28	Full Campus: 1. International Community School 2. Think College Now 3. La Escuelita 4. MetWest 5. Acorn Woodland 6. Encompass Mixed Campus 1. Markham (New Building) 2. Montclair (New Building) 3. Reach (New Building) Other schools in Group 1 and Group 2 will be added to this list after they have been retested.	<ul> <li>Full Campus: <ol> <li>Glenview (All Campus)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Mixed Campus: <ol> <li>LIFE Academy (New Building)</li> <li>Colseum College Prep (New Building)</li> <li>Colseum College Prep (New Building)</li> <li>Fremont (New Buildings)</li> <li>Laurel Early Childhood Center (New Building)</li> <li>Madison Upper (High School Wing)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Other schools in Group 1 and Group 2 will be added to this list after they have been retested.</li> </ul>	1. Jefferson ECE     2. Allendale ECE     3. Arroyo Viejo ECE     4. Bella Vista ECE     5. Burbank ECE     6. Emerson ECE     7. Acorn Woodland/EnCompass ECE     8. Bridges@ Melrose ECE     9. Brookfield ECE     10. Centro Infantil ECE     11. Cox (REACH) State PreK ECE     12. Lockwood ECE     13. Fruitvale ECE     14. Garfield ECE     15. Harriett TubmanECE     16. Highland ECE     17. Hintli ECE     18. Oakland Academy of Knowlege     ECE     19. International ECE     21. Lockwood CDC/ECE     22. MANZANITA ECE     23. MLK Jr. ECE     24. Prescott ECE     25. Sankofa ECE     25. Sankofa ECE     27. United Nation ECE     28. Yuk Yao CDC/ECE
	<ol> <li>Lockwood STEAM</li> <li>Lowell-Ralph Bunche</li> <li>Lowell-West Oakland Middle</li> <li>Madison Primary</li> <li>Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary</li> <li>McClymonds HS</li> <li>Montera MS</li> <li>Oakland High School</li> <li>Oakland International HS</li> <li>Oakland Technical HS</li> <li>Peralta</li> <li>Sequoia</li> <li>Thornhill</li> <li>Urban Promise</li> <li>Westlake Middle</li> </ol>				

## **Enrollment Updates**

#### **Enrollment Process\***

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\*Students can enroll in OUSD schools any time throughout the year, this is for budget and planning purposes.



Families "Confirm" that student/s will attend the assigned school. For families that decide to not take the assigned seat, another students is moved into the "seat" from the waitlist.

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#### **Enrollment vs. Projections**

Grade Span	8/12 Aeries	Day-2 Counts	Day-5 Counts	8/21 Aeries	Day-10 Count	Day-15 Counts	9/3 Aeries	Projec- tions	Delta
ТК	1,091	1,056	1,082	1,092	1,120	1,130	1,108	1,170	(62)
К	2,529	2,408	2,434	2,434	2,464	2,448	2,462	2,488	(26)
6	2,139	2,006	2,078	2,100	2,129	2,119	2,121	2,098	23
9	2,115	1,895	1,978	2,042	2,035	2,067	2,070	2,174	(104)
SCP	1,789	1,378	1,491	1,724	1,511	1,580	1,744	1,699	45
TOTA L	34,492	31,970	32,722	33,647	33,221	33,448	33,765	33,736	29

Discrepancies between reported counts and Aeries enrollment exist as schools work to confirm enrollment, determining whether some students have left the school or are struggling with chronic absenteeism. Additionally, some schools don't do counts, but are including in Aeries, such as certain ECE or Alt Ed sites.

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## **Enrollment Timeline**

Enrollment Milestone	Date	Description
On-time application window opens	12/1/2023	We encourage all families to apply in the on-time window, as this gives families the best opportunity to access their preferred school.
On-time application window closes	2/10/2024	This is the deadline for an application to be considered on-time. Any application submitted during this time period is considered on-time.
Late application window opens	2/11/2024	Families who did not submit an application during the on-time window can begin submitting applications at this point.
On-time offers released	3/6/2024	Families will be offered a place at a school and/or be placed on a waitlist at this time.
Intent to Return Forms	3/20/2024	On this date, families will be asked to confirm whether or not they are returning to their current school for the following school year.
Late offers released	4/3/2024	Families will be offered a place at a school and/or be placed on a waitlist at this time. Deadline 4/22
Bi-weekly late offers begin	4/22/2024	Starting on this date, the enrollment office will make offers for schools with space to families on the waitlist, and to families submitting late applications every two weeks on Monday.
Weekly late offers begin	7/1/2024	Starting on this date, the enrollment office will make offers for schools with space to families on the waitlist, and to families submitting late applications every week on Monday.
2x weekly late offers begin	7/29/2024	Starting on this date, the enrollment office will make offers for schools with space to families on the waitlist, and to families submitting late applications three times per week on M, & Th.
Counts begin	8/13/2024	Schools being submitted official counts to the Enrollment office to reconcile attendance, enrollment, and Aeries
Open Enrollment ends	8/30/2024	On the 15th day of school the waitlist will close. Students enrolled in OUSD schools will be expected to remain at their schools for the remainder of the year. Students who have not yet enrolled will be offered spots at available schools.

#### **Conclusion of Open Enrollment**

- Each year, we close the open enrollment period at the 15th day of school, and dissolve all remaining waitlists
- This concludes the period of students transferring between schools as a function of a family preference, and allows schools, families, and students to anchor in to the school and build stability
- Current OUSD students may only transfer due to a verified "hardship" such as an address change or return to a neighborhood school
- Incoming OUSD students may enroll at any school with available space, on a first-come-first-serve basis

#### **Enrollment Counts**

- Schools have completed counts on for Day-2, -5, -10 and -15.
- These counts are instrumental in identifying accurate enrollment data for each school, dropping no-show students, and creating room for new families and students on waitlists.
- The last official counts will occur on Day-20
- Day-20 counts are used to reconcile enrollment against base staffing allocations.
- Enrollment is finalized on Wednesday, October 2, 2024

#### Many schools still have TK availability

- Although some TK programs filled immediately and have long waitlists, other programs remain available for families.
- Students are immediately eligible for TK if they have a birthday between 09/02/2019 and 06/02/2020
- The following schools have **at least five TK** seats available:

BurckhalterBridgesMadison PrimaryReach (2 classes!)

Lockwood (2 classes!) Think College Now

#### Enrollment Stabilization Ongoing work

New signage at Global Family Elementary School to improve community visibility and curb appeal



#### **Enrollment Stabilization Upcoming work**

- Each of the last two years, the Enrollment Department has used a wide array of data to identify around 20 Enrollment Focal Schools
  - These schools receive enrollment assets, as well as technical and adaptive support
- We are reviewing underlying assumptions to the model against last year's data, and gathering data for this year
- Enrollment Focal Schools for 24-25 will be finalizing in early September, after 20-Day counts

## **School Highlights**

#### **Oakland Goes Outdoors Leads Life Academy Students on a Creek CleanUp**

Life Academy kicked off the school year with its first Oakland Goes Outdoors day trip. The 9th grade class visited Dimond Park in Oakland, where students got up close and personal with Sausal Creek and nature while they did a creek clean up, and took a three-mile hike around the park.

The lessons they learned included growing a love of learning, integrity, fearlessness, and empathy. The students were encouraged to honor and recognize the place, its people, and its history. It was a beautiful day and a great way to start the year.

Oakland Goes Outdoors takes OUSD students on field trips around the Bay Area to introduce them to nature throughout the school year.



#### Bridges Academy Celebrates New Play Yard Finished by Eat. Learn. Play.

The campaign to transform elementary playgrounds across the District by Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation continued with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Bridges Academy on August 28, giving the campus the chance to enjoy the final part of their revamped play yard.

Eat. Learn. Play. and KABOOM! installed a big play structure with three slides and lots to climb, along with a nature space, and an outdoor classroom. That's all on top of the school's new soccer pitch, new trees, and lots of painted features on a yard that has been totally transformed.

The District will see more transformed playgrounds in the coming year, starting with REACH Academy. That project is underway this week.



#### **County Superintendent Celebrates OUSD Teachers of the Year**

Alameda County Superintendent of Schools, Alysse Castro, visited three schools over the past week to congratulate the District's three 2024 Teachers of the Year.

Castro visited West Oakland Middle School and teacher Jazmine Njissang (left photo) and Lincoln Elementary and teacher Claudia Hung-Haas (right photo) last week. This week she stopped by Edna Brewer Middle School to visit teacher Sarah Ben-Israel.

Castro observed each of the teachers in action, then told the students how amazing their teachers are, and presented each teacher with a certificate commemorating the honor.





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