

# STUDENT BOARD REPORT

Director Vasquez  
Director Simmons  
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Community Schools, Thriving Students*

# Summary of Report



- Student Voice
  - Director Simmons highlighting Youth Vote on KQED

- Student Leadership
  - Middle Ethnic Studies Conference

- Student Events
  - Next High School Meeting - March 20
  - Student Directors attending *2025 Stand Up! Speak Out!* statewide conference

# STUDENT VOICE

# Director Simmons on KQED

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Sign In

critical step to foster civic engagement early.



Maximus Simmons, of Oakland, is a student director at Oakland Unified and was a first-time youth voter in the 2024 election. (David M. Barreda/KQED)

KQED

npr

PBS

## After Election 1st, Here's How Oakland and Berkeley Youth Turned Out



Read full article at [LINK IN BIO](#)

# No on AB 68

- AB 68 is a proposed California Law requiring at least one armed cop on public school campuses
- Why Oppose? This criminalizes students who are Black, Brown, and Disabled
  - Increases arrests and suspensions
- Waste in funding: AB 68 funds cops instead of counselors and student programs
- Ways to support:
  - Sign the letter in opposition
  - Contacting your assembly member
  - Spread the word!



## What is California Assembly Bill 68

AB 68 is a proposed California law requiring at least one armed cop on every public school campus. Studies show this disproportionately impacts Black and Latine youth, LGBTQ students, students with disabilities, and undocumented youth, often making them feel unprotected.



Data shows  
More Cops= More Stops

According to **California Data\***, among youth ages 12-14,  
**72.9 percent Black youth** police stops were for reasonable suspicion  
**64.0 percent of Latine(x) youth** police stops were for reasonable suspicion  
**Only 51.4 percent of the white youth** police stops were for reasonable suspicion  
More police means more targeting of Black and Brown kids.

## Why We Oppose AB 68

Criminalizes Students: Police target Black, Brown, and disabled students, increasing arrests and expulsions.  
Doesn't Improve Safety: Police don't prevent violence—mental health support works best.  
Wastes Funds: AB 68 funds cops instead of counselors and student programs.



## What We Need Instead

More Support, Not Cops: Hire counselors, social workers, and specialists to address conflicts.  
Restorative Justice Works: Peer mediation and conflict resolution improve school climate  
No Policing, Stop criminalizing our students

## 3 WAYS TO SUPPORT

**Sign The Letter of Support** - Show your opposition with this letter

**Show Up** - [Contact your assembly member](#) to reject AB 68 and support real protection solutions.

**Spread the Word** - Share this, talk to parents and students, and post with #dignitynotdiscipline #schoolsnotprisons #AB68.

\*From the 2025 RIPA Report: <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/ripa-board-report-2025.pdf>

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP

OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
& ALL CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

# 27th Annual Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference

FIGHTING FOR EQUALITY MEANS  
FIGHTING FOR EACH OTHER

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION  
SUPPORT (SUBMIT BY JAN 30th)  
<https://forms.gle/Transportation>

RSVP TO ATTEND THIS  
CONFERENCE (RSVP BY FEB 21st):  
<https://forms.gle/RSVP>



**8:30 AM -** Mills College  
**3:30 PM** 5000 MacArthur  
Blvd, Oakland, CA  
94613

**WORKSHOPS  
& GAMES**

Peer Resources refers to any program that trains youth to work with and/or help other youth. Peer Resource Programs are known as: Conflict Management, Peer Education, Violence Prevention, Buddy Programs, Peer Tutoring, and many more. Workshops are designed for youth.



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# STUDENT EVENTS



# 4TH HIGH SCHOOL ACC MEETING

**MARCH 20, 2025**

**CASTLEMONT HIGH**  
8601 MACARTHUR BLVD BLDG.  
300, OAKLAND, CA 94605

**RSVP:**  
**[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/WS18GWIHGWW  
NCQQU8](https://forms.gle/WS18GWIHGWWNCQQU8)**

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR CONCERNS?  
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# 2025 Stand Up! Speak Out! Statewide Conference



- Join us on Sunday March 23rd @ Stand Up! Speak Out! Statewide Conference
- Location: UC Davis Conference Center: Ballroom
- Time: 3pm - 8pm
- Director Vasquez: Panelist for Youth Power: Young Activists Carrying The Torch
- Director Simmons: Panelist for Movement Builders: Multicultural, Anti-Carceral, In Solidarity



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# Thank you

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