

Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent, Dr. Denise Saddler
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

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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Event Highlights

Curry and King Families Visit MLK Elementary

In their continuing campaign to help OUSD schools and students, **Stephen and Ayesha Curry** were joined by **Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King** (the son and daughter-in-law of Martin Luther King, Jr.) to **Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School**, which is currently getting a new Eat. Learn. Play. Foundation playground.

The day included an assembly in which Mr. King announced the plan his team is organizing for 100 million volunteer hours given across the country in the next four years. The Currys promised their foundation will contribute 100,000 of those hours.

The Currys and Kings also handed out books and painted murals on the campus before visiting the church next door for a “fireside chat” about volunteerism.



Initiative: Joyful Schools

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Franklin Elementary Unveils Newly Refurbished Library Courtesy of the Warriors and Ross Stores

Franklin Elementary School was a winner in the Read To Achieve campaign sponsored by the **Golden State Warriors and Ross Stores**. Through the partnership, the school's library and tutoring room received a complete makeover.

The rooms received new paint, lighting, rugs, wall decor, and shelving for the books. After the ribbon-cutting, the students picked out books and tried out the new space. They also were visited by Warriors Legend Kelenna Azubuike, who read a book to them and answered questions.

Through the same partnership, the **Golden State Valkyries** are giving a big supply of new books to the **Highland Community School library**.



Initiative: Strong Readers

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Northeastern University Welcomes 2025 OUSD Graduates, Winners of Big Scholarship

As Northeastern University Oakland prepared for the start of its 2025-26 school year, it welcomed some of its newest students who came from OUSD high schools. Five of seven OUSD winners of the **Northeastern Oakland Opportunity Scholarship** attended a breakfast in their honor.

The students are (L-R) **Idayat Okuboyejo** from Oakland High, **Daniel Alfaro**, **Macie Chao**, and **Richard Purev** from Oakland Tech, and **Lei'ani Donaldson** from CCPA. Not pictured are **Keona Hennings** and **Quy Nguyen** from Skyline.

The Northeastern Oakland Opportunity Scholarship is a \$340,000 full-ride scholarship to attend Northeastern. All of last 2024 OUSD scholarship winners are now studying at Northeastern's campus in Boston.



Initiative: Empowered Graduates

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School Leaders Lean In on Literacy at Two Day Training

Twenty OUSD principals recently participated in a two-day, in-person training that introduced school leaders to the “**Science of Reading**” and how to create the systems to support the implementation of **structured literacy** at their sites.

Over the two days, principals and teachers on special assignment developed a 90-day **literacy action plan** to implement at their sites. They are aiming to jump-start the necessary shifts to Science of Reading-aligned literacy instruction.



Initiative: Diverse and Stable Staff

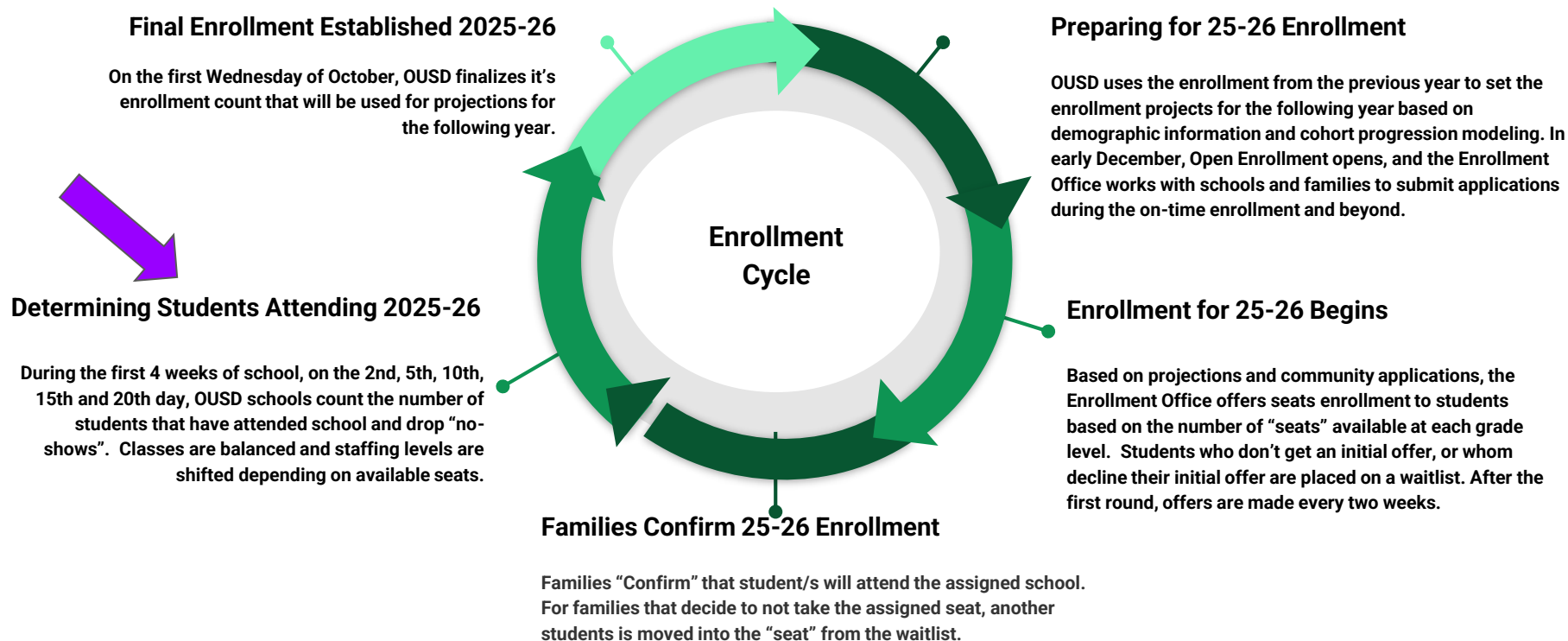
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Enrollment Update

Enrollment Process*

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



Enrollment Milestone	Date	Description
Weekly late offers begin	7/28/2025	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	8/11/2025	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.
Enrollment Counts begin	8/12/2025	Schools submit official enrollment counts on day-2, day-5, day-10, day-15, day-20 to reconcile accepted offers and Aeries records with actual, confirmed attendance
End of Open Enrollment (waitlists close)	8/29/2025	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.
Day-20 Count	9/8/2025	This is the final official count day. It is also when enrollment is reconciled against projections for the purpose of confirming staffing allocations.

End of Open Enrollment

- Occurs on the 15th day of school each year
- All waitlists dissolve and existing applications are marked *expired*
- Current students are expected to remain at their schools except if they have a valid transfer reason.
 - A full list of Board approved transfers can be found at ousd.org/enroll but common ones include enrolling at a neighborhood school, address change, and requesting a safety transfer through the network superintendent's office
- Non enrolled students can enroll at any school with available space--there are no longer waitlists, priorities, and so on.
- **Rationale:** Even though enrollment is not finalized until the first week of October, we need to close open enrollment so that schools and families can have a measure of stability to classrooms.

Enrollment Updates

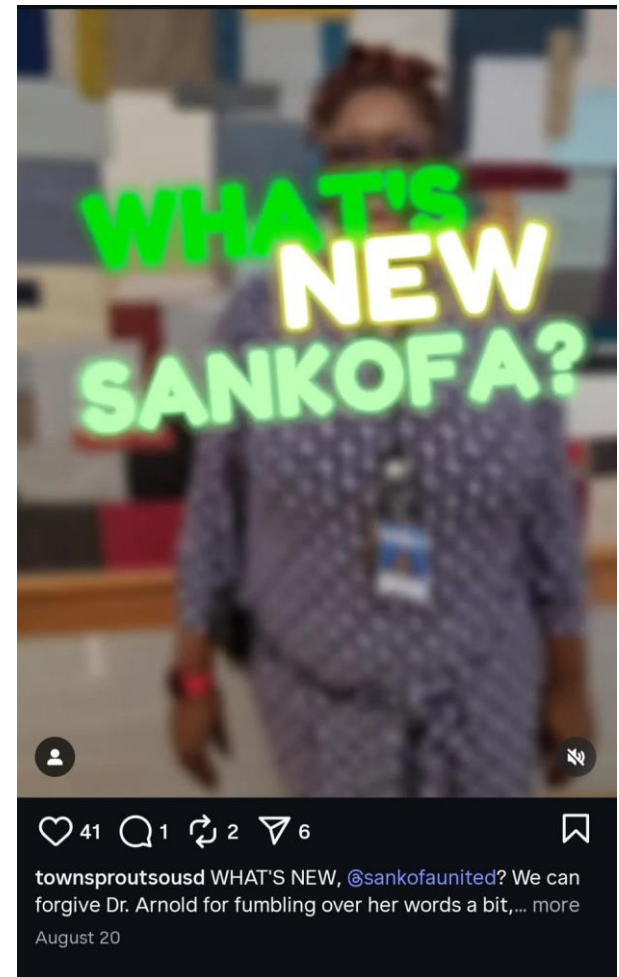
Grade Span	AERIES 8/4	Day-2 Count 8/12	Day-5 Count 8/15	Aeries 8/17	Day-10 Count 8/22	Day-15 Count 8/29	AERIES 9/2	Projected Enroll- ment	Delta: Aeries vs. Projected	Delta: Current vs. 24-25 Census
Elementary	17,141	16,162	16,537	16,715	16,667	16,788	16,923	16,702	221	29
Middle	6,414	6,142	6,311	6,314	6,354	6,354	6,316	6,298	18	(7)
High	9,123	8,463	8,562	8,991	8,769	8,833	8,944	8,782	162	32
SCP TK-15	1,587	1,548	1,576	1,653	1,628	1,666	1,802	1,680	122	201
TOTAL	34,265	32,315	32,986	33,673	33,418	33,641	33,985	33,462	523	332

We have completed two more days of official counts. Which each day, these counts start to hue more closely to the enrollment numbers in Aeries. There are some gaps that are baked in, as some of the alternative schools either do not submit counts (Gateway) or counts lag behind Aeries as the school finalize orientation and enrollment.

Enrollment Stabilization

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Sankofa United: Principal Dr. Arnold shares an insider look at what she and her staff have planned this year for families as part of our “What’s New” series.



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Roosevelt: Ms. Toumi's calls became meteorologists, checking temperature, air pressure, and humidity inside and outside their classroom as part of their science unit.



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Madison Park Academy 6-12:

Over 20 organizations offered everything from jobs to internships to hands-on learning to MPA students at their opportunities fair.





Schools at Work

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- Schools are conducting “**Culture Walks**” where systems and routines that build a **positive school culture** and **initial instructional routines** are being observed.
- These observations and school-level data from last year form the focus for the first **school-level learning cycle** that takes place during school-based professional learning.
- Central Office personnel are assigned to work with identified schools to design and deliver **professional learning**.

Schools at Work

- **School Registration** took place in August as students came back to school. Expectations for attendance, completing assignments and general conduct were communicated to families and students.
- **Back-to-School Nights** are underway.
- **Title 1** and **School Site Council (SSC) formations** are a focus for September.
- **Districtwide Staff Development Day** on **September 19**. The options for professional learning are available for registration in Frontline (Employee Database) and a description of offerings can be found [here](#). Reminder for parents: **no school for students** on PD days.



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