

STUDENT BOARD REPORT

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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

Summary of Report



ACC updates

- 1st Middle School Meeting
- Student Survey

Community Events

- Help A Teach A Out 2.0
- Youth listening sessions with BOP (Black Organizing Project)

1st Middle school Meeting

The first meeting was held at Frick Untied located in district 6.

- Reintroduced to ACC
- Community Builders
- Leadership RJ circle
- (MSESC) Middle School Ethnic Studies Conference introduction

Thank you to those who attended, and the staff members that helped their students attend as well.

NEXT MEETING: Dec 16th, 2025

Student Survey

Questions asked:

1. When you think about school funding, what should be the top priorities?
2. Which of these areas do you think needs more funding?
3. How well do you think the current school budget supports your learning and wellbeing?
4. The school district is facing more budget issues and is estimating that \$80 million needs to be cut from the budget. What should absolutely NOT be cut?
5. What programs or resources would hurt students the most if they were reduced or removed (cut)?

OPTIONAL: Is there anything else you want the school board to know about how budget decisions affect students?

Student Survey

Middle Schools that participated in the survey:

- Melrose Leadership Academy
- Edna Brewer
- Montera
- Claremont
- Bret Harte
- Frick United
- Hillcrest K-8
- Montclair
- Roosevelt Middle
- Greenleaf TK-8
- Sojourner Truth (SJT) - Independent Studies
- Madison Park Academy

Student Survey

Things Middle schools want the district to prioritize in their budget:

- Hiring well trained and relatable teachers
- Prioritizing academic programs & extracurricular activities
- School cleanliness
- Sport programs

Things Middle Schools wants the district to maintain/build on:

- Smaller classroom sizes
- Restorative Justice programs
- Mental Health resources
- Equitable & Inclusive programs

Student Survey

High Schools that participated in the survey:

- Fremont
- Oakland Tech
- Dewey
- Met West
- McClymonds
- Skyline
- Oakland High
- Life Academy
- CCPA (Coliseum College Prep Academy)
- Castlemont
- Madison Park Academy
- OIHS (Oakland International High School)

Student Survey

Things High Schools want the district to prioritize in their budget:

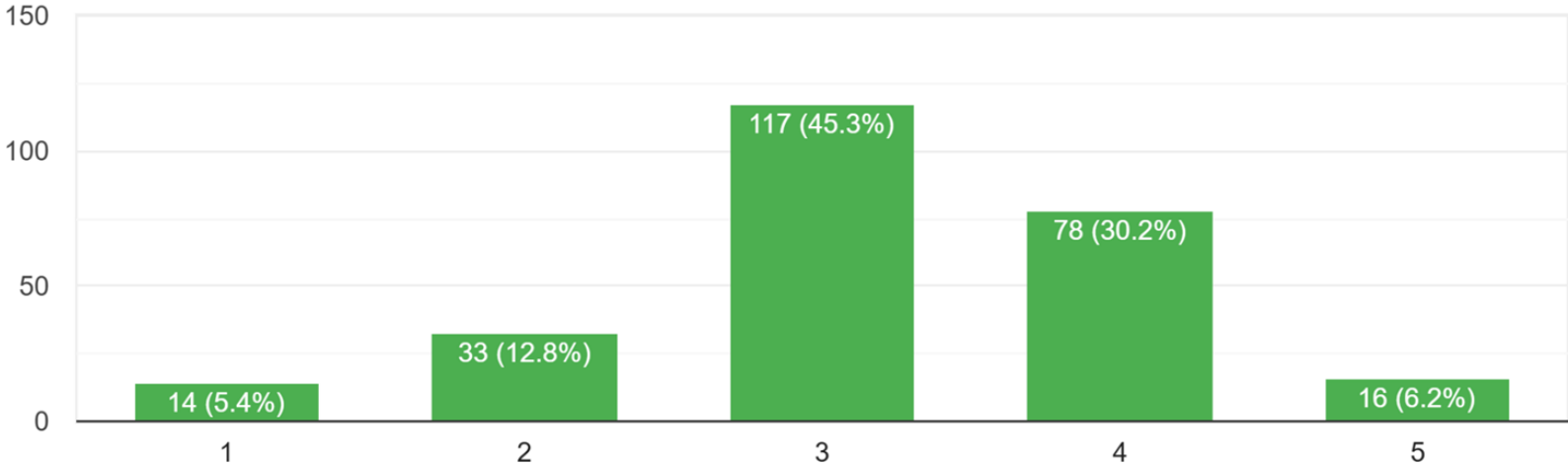
- College & Career Readiness
- Hiring qualified and relatable staff
- Academic Materials
- Extracurricular Activities
- Mental Health Support

Things Middle Schools wants the district to maintain/build on:

- Restorative Justice programs
- Mental Health resources
- School Safety Training
- Equitable & Inclusive programs

How well do you think the current school budget supports your learning and wellbeing?

258 responses



Student Quotes:

“Not having the same access to classes that other districts and private schools have often makes us feel like we aren’t expected to do as well as others. I know that it’s hard to hire and keep teachers, but APs and electives I think are important for helping kids not feel like they are missing out on opportunities just because we go to public schools. It’s already not fun to tell people what school you go to only to hear “Don’t you guys have lead in your water?””

- Oakland Tech, 10th grade

Student Quotes:

“I want them to know that I am Mahalia Robel a middle schooler from Edna Brewer Middle School. Here at Brewer the Restorative Justice program means the world to us. All around school kids talk about how they want to do it and how they love being in circle. If money was cut out of our budget we wouldn't be able to fund it the way we do now. So please don't cut Restorative justice money out of the board. So kids all around the district can do RJ and build the community. Thank You.”

- Mahalia Robel, 8th grade

Student Quotes:

“Constantly laying off good teachers really affects students, over half my teachers from my freshman year are gone. With cuts to the college and career support and not having long term connections with teachers, finding letters of recommendation is increasingly difficult.”

- Skyline, 11th grade

Community Events

Barbara Lee's Youth Advisory Council

HELP A TEACHA OUT

The Real Talk

Teachers are constantly buying their own classroom supplies. The town is collectively stepping up to help our beloved teachers, because when teachers have what they need... WE ALL SUCCEED!

We will collect school supplies from the community, and each month one OUSD school will receive all the supplies we've gathered.

How To Donate?

1- Scan QR code To Donate Via Wishlist

2- Drop Off Locations:

- 1926 19th Avenue
- City Hall, 14th & Broadway
(Lvl 3, Office of the Mayor)
- 1011 Union St (OUSD building)

Scan Me!!





Black Organizing Project

YOUTH *LISTENING* SESSIONS FOR BLACK YOUTH IN OAKLAND

Pull up to BOP's Youth Listening + Visioning Sessions! Eat good, vibe with your people, and speak on what's really going on in and out of school. Come share your ideas, get creative, and help shape the future of youth organizing.



LISTENING SESSION | OCT.28 - 4:30PM-6:30PM
VISIONING SESSION | NOV.12 - 4:30PM-6:30PM



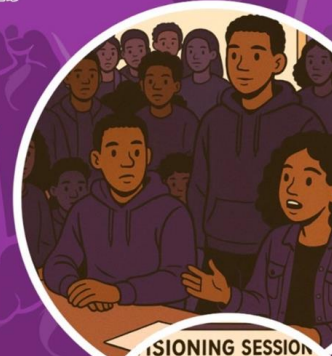
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SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES AND STORIES, AND RECEIVE A
\$25 GIFT CARD EACH SESSION AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR
TIME AND BRILLIANCE!

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RSVP NOW!



Thank you

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