

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.



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Summer Learning Updates

Summer Learning District Programs

- OUSD plans to serve 7,000+ Students PK-Young Adult for Summer 2026
- Enrollment for ESY (SPED) begins week of March 23rd
- TK-8 Summer enrollment for our district run programs begins on March 30th for TK-8 students.
- High School students needing to recover credit will work with their school counselor who will recommend them for summer school if needed.

[Click here](#) to learn more about our program design and impact

Summer Learning District Programs

Families can:

- go to ousd.org/summerlearning to learn more about programs.
- email summerlearning@ousd.org with any questions
- Once enrollment begins on March 30th, families can work with their child's school for summer enrollment support.

TK-8: families log in to chooseousd.org, click Summer, see what programs their child is eligible for, and submit an application.

1st) Families are placed on waitlist based on priority groups.

2nd) They will receive an official offer

3rd) They must accept the offer to secure their spot.

Summer Learning Community Based Programs

- The Expanded Learning office supports several community partners that offer full day summer programming to ousd students.
- The enrollment system for these programs is offered via our Inplay tool. Registration starts on March 23rd and families will receive invites via text.
- To learn more about our independent programs, please visit <https://www.inplay.org/invites/summer-program>. You will enter your phone number to see a list of programs.
- Families can see more summer programs offered by the city of Oakland and other community based organizations by visiting: <https://www.inplay.org/r/oakland>



School Highlights

TCN and ICS Unveil New Sports Fields Through Measure Y

The students of the co-located International Community School and Think College Now, along with the adjacent International CDC are now enjoying three new sports fields. One is a smaller field on the playground, and across the parking lot there are now beautiful new soccer and baseball fields.

The schools had their big opening event on March 17, and Director Berry helped students with the ribbon-cutting.

The fields that were there before were admittedly overdue for replacement. I thank the voters of Oakland for passing Measure Y so we could turn the plans for these new fields into a reality!



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SF 49ers Visit Manzanita Campus to Encourage Kids to Read

On March 6, the San Francisco 49ers education team brought their advocacy for reading to the students of the co-located Manzanita Community and Manzanita SEED schools. They joined students in the auditorium with younger kids in one group and older students in the other.

Team employees read to the students and shared the importance of being good readers. Naturally, the most popular visitor was team mascot, Sourdough Sam.

This event was part of the 49ers Foundation's celebration of Read Across America Week.



Initiative: Strong Readers

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All City Council Holds Successful Middle School Conference

It was the 28th annual Middle School Peer Resource & Ethnic Studies Conference, at Northeastern University. The conference on March 6 was co-designed by and co-facilitated with 250 middle school students from across the District. Youth led most of the conference workshops, and 27 RJ Circles were facilitated by more than 60 middle school students.

All City Council middle school student leaders created this year's theme, "Real Eyes, Real Lies, Realize: The Youth is the Future," to emphasize the importance of youth voice in shaping a better, more active community.

The workshops included: Finding your Role in the Movement, Social Media effects on Youth, Disability Justice and Inclusion, Poetry, and more!



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Skyline Senior Overcomes Nerves to Give Amazing Speech at Alysa Liu Celebration

At the citywide celebration for Oakland's own Olympic Gold Medal-winning figure skater, Alysa Liu on March 12, Oakland Unified students played prominent roles. Fremont High's Drum Line opened the show with a high-energy performance. And then a bit later, Skyline senior, and ACC LCAP Director Lina Nguyen took the stage.

President Brouhard and I got to watch as Lina gave a remarkable speech expressing what Alysa's accomplishments and approach to life mean for her and her fellow students. She explained that while she was nervous about giving the speech because she's not a public speaker, she took on the challenge because that's how Alysa would have handled it.

The speech was heartfelt, honest, and delivered like a pro! Lina shows us again that our students are learning and growing right in front of our eyes.



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