

Item J. Special Orders- Student Safety Committee Presentation

presented by:

OUSD Student Committee for Safety &
violence Prevention (SC4SVP)
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**OAKLAND UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Community Schools, Thriving Students

WHO WE ARE

- Established in December 2025
- Composed of 8 students from 5 schools
- Representing *all OUSD students*

Mission

To ensure students have a voice and feel heard, to understand the cracks in the system and work toward real, long-lasting and student-centered solutions to make OUSD a safer place for all students.

Our goal is to help make school an environment where students feel safe so that they can take academic risks without judgement, form healthy relationships, and plan for their futures.

Student Representatives

- **Agustin Arroyo Bustamante**, Oakland Tech, *11th*
- **Eman Ibrahim**, MetWest, *12th*
- **German Ramos Pena**, Skyline, *12th*
- **Graciela Ortega**, Oakland Tech, *11th*
- **Louis Allen**, Oakland Tech, *12th*
- **Shaikhah Alaqeli**, Oakland International, *12th*
- **Shouq Alaqeli**, Oakland International, *12th*.
- **Ta'Miyah Hartwell**, Bret Harte, *8th*

75%

of all suspensions in OUSD

are for

physical violence

What we are seeking to understand

- What causes student conflict?
- Is student conflict inevitable?
- What can students and staff do to prevent, intervene, and better resolve student conflict?

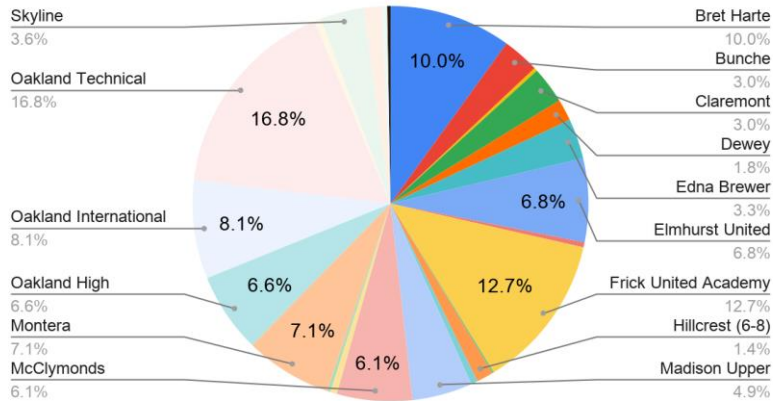
Why Explore Student Conflict?

- **HUGE impact** of repeated safety incidents over time
- Schools shape the long-term experience of young people
- Safety impacts enrollment, attendance, and academic outcomes
- Staff interactions directly impact students' emotional safety

SURVEY DATA

Participating Schools

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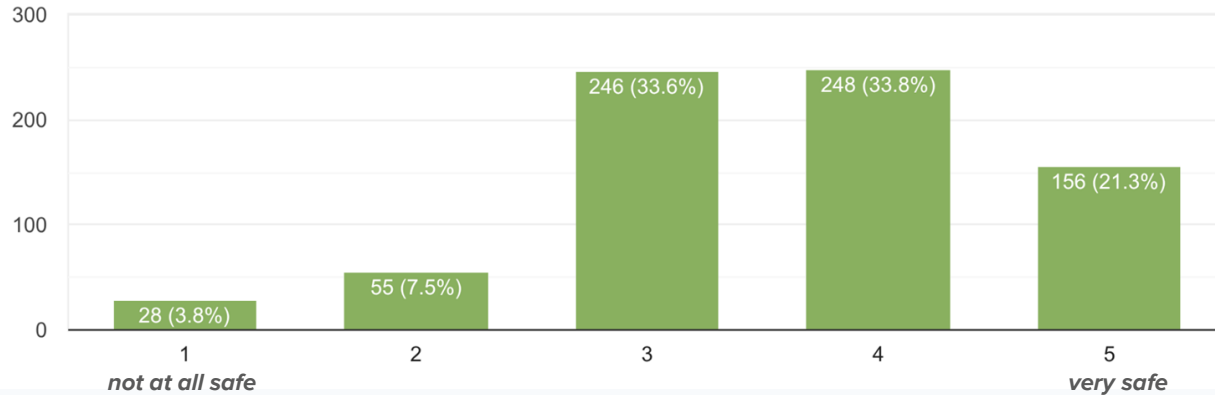
Over 700 Responses from 24+ middle & high schools

- **Race/Ethnicity:** Majority identify as Latinx (29.2%), Black (25.7%), and Asian (15.4%)
- **Grade Levels:** Students in grades 6-12; Majority are HS students
- **Genders:** Boys (44.9%) / Girls (49.5%) / Transgender or Non-Binary (3.7%) / Prefer not to say (1.6%)

WHAT WE LEARNED

only **55%** of respondents
reported feeling safe at school

How safe do you feel in your school? (732 responses)



WHAT WE LEARNED

Changes Students Want to See to Reduce Conflict

- Know which adults to go to for help
- Improve facilities (sanitary/comfortable)
- Create an Anonymous Reporting Program

Most Frequent Conflicts Observed

- Gossip
- Verbal Arguments or Threats
- Social Media / Online issues



WHAT WE LEARNED

What could help resolve conflicts before they turn serious?

Early Intervention & De-escalation: Quick adult intervention

Separate & Cool Down: Separate and cool down situations before bringing students together.

Increased Communication & Use of RJ: Using RJ circles or mediation to solve for root causes.

Adult/Teacher Involvement: Seeking help from trusted adults.

Student Accountability: Use progressive and consistent discipline strategies for all students.

Increased Student Support: Therapy, counseling, bullying prevention, and education on respectful communication and conflict mediation. Students need to learn de-escalation strategies too!





Thank you
for your time!