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**To** Board of Education  
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As we close out the 2025–26 school year, I want to begin by recognizing an important milestone for thousands of Oakland students and families. Tomorrow, May 28, is the last day of school, and I want to congratulate graduates from Castlemont, CCPA, Dewey, Fremont, McClymonds, MetWest, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, Ralph Bunche, Rudsdale, Skyline, Sojourner Truth, the Young Adult Program, and Oakland Adult and Career Education.

Graduation is a powerful reminder of why we do this work. This is an exciting time as students head off to college, careers, apprenticeships, and new opportunities. I also want to congratulate our middle school students who are promoting to high school, our elementary students who are promoting to middle school, and our TK students who are promoting to kindergarten. These transitions matter, and they reflect the hard work of students, educators, staff, and families across Oakland.

The past several weeks has also shown what collaboration, and advocacy can accomplish when we stay focused on students. On May 7, Oakland Unified joined with LAUSD in Sacramento to advocate for the full funding of Proposition 98. Superintendent Saddler, Vice President Bachelor, and I were joined by representatives from OEA, AFSCME, SEIU, and BCTC. In room after room with state senators and assembly members, labor and district leadership stood together to explain how education funding impacts our students and school communities, and to share stories of what it means when we don’t have stable funding from the state. That level of unity matters. This is what working together looks like.

I also want to acknowledge the May 18 press conference at 1025 Second Avenue in support of SB 492 and the proposed CTE-TAY Hub. I was proud to stand alongside Mayor Barbara Lee, Senator Jesse Arreguin, Superintendent Saddler, Director Berry, and the youth who have been organizing for this vision.

OUSD has a clear goal: every student graduates college, career, and community ready. But we also know that for some students, a diploma alone is not enough. Many young people need stable housing, mental health support, career technical education, and pathways to employment in order to fully succeed.

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SB 492 would help fund those supports.

The proposed CTE-TAY Hub at 1025 Second Avenue is an innovative model that would combine transitional housing, career technical education, wraparound services, and pathways to union jobs in one location. Investments like this create real pathways out of homelessness and poverty while helping young people build stable futures.

On May 14, the Governor released the May Revise. While the full \$5.9 billion Proposition 98 settle-up was not included, \$3.8 billion was restored, and the fight for the remaining funds continues. There were also several positive developments for districts across the state, including increased special education funding, one-time discretionary block grants tied to ADA, expanded learning recovery grants, continued funding for literacy coaching and training, ongoing support for community schools, teacher residency programs, and increased funding for ELOP. Because OUSD already has a literacy grant in place, our district will also be eligible for additional literacy funding through 2031.

While these investments are important and encouraging, we have significant work ahead as we continue developing a balanced, student-centered budget for the 2026–27 school year. That work will require continued collaboration, transparency, and a focus on the needs of students and school communities. Thank you to our students, families, educators, staff, and community partners for another year of hard work in support of Oakland's children. I wish everyone a safe and restful summer and encourage everyone to participate in the Summer Oakland Reads program.

Finally, I want to remind the public that there will be a Board retreat on Monday, June 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Committee Room, where we will discuss Board goals and work plans for the 2026–27 school year.

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