



OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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TO: Dr. Kimberly A. Statham, State Administrator
& Members of the OUSD Board of Education

FROM: Kirsten Vial, Chief of Community Accountability

DATE: June 13, 2007

RE: 2007-2008 School Portfolio Management Adjustments

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval by State Administrator of Resolution No. 0607-0209 – Approving 2007 -2008 School Portfolio Management Adjustments.

DISCUSSION

OUSD is committed to operating a dynamic portfolio of schools that meet the needs of the community.

Grade Configuration Adjustments

In Fall 2005, OUSD opened six new small Middle Schools. In order to provide these schools with the opportunity to develop into their new programs, each school was opened with only 6th and 7th grades. The following grade configuration adjustments reflect five of these schools growing to full size: Roots, Coliseum College Prep, Elmhurst Community Prep, Alliance Academy and United for Success.

One of the new small schools opened on the Simmons campus – Peralta Creek – has faced some challenges in its first year of operation. As a result, the recommendation is to not enroll 6th graders in the school for the 2007-2008 school year to allow the school to focus on implementing the program as designed. The appropriate long-term solution for the school will be evaluated through the 2007-2008 School Portfolio Management process

Sankofa is a school which has faced challenges both with regards to program quality and enrollment trends. Over the past several months, the school community has engaged in a discussion regarding how these challenges can best be overcome. Based on this engagement

process, the recommendation is to convert the school from a K-8 to a K-5 beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

Changing Location

Bridges Academy and Melrose Leadership Academy are currently co-located at 1325 53rd Avenue on a school site that is extremely overcrowded. A series of community meetings were held with families from both schools to evaluate the appropriate solution to the overcrowding. Based on this engagement process, the recommendation is to move Melrose Leadership Academy to 5328 Brann Street, the site of Sherman Elementary, which will be closed at the end of the 2006-2008 school year.

Staff is recommending the opening of Alternative Learning Community (ALC), a school designed to provide early interventions that address the needs of middle school students with multiple risk factors. In order to received funding as a Community Day School, ALC must be located on a separate campus. Based on extensive facility evaluation, the most feasible location for this school was at 9736 Lawlor Street, the site currently occupied by Sojourner Truth Independent Studies. The recommendation is to move Sojourner Truth to the King Estates campus (8251 Fontaine Street) for the 2007-2008 school year where it will co-locate with YES High School. The appropriate long-term home for Sojourner Truth will be evaluated through the 2007-2008 School Portfolio Management process.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for the grade adjustments. All site costs will be covered through adjusted RBB allocations.

The estimated cost of moving Melrose Leadership to 5328 Brann Street is \$10,828. The estimated cost of moving Sojourner Truth to 8251 Fontaine Street is \$5,708.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval for the grade configuration and school location adjustments.

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT ADJUSTMENTS
Resolution No. 0607 -0209**

WHEREAS, the Oakland Unified School District is creating a great public school system with high standards of teaching and learning for every student and high standards of service to our schools with a recommitment to our shared values of equity, learning, and shared responsibility; and

WHEREAS, a core foundational strategy of Oakland Unified School District is the management of a portfolio of schools that will provide every family access to two quality school options in their neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a decline in population and student enrollment in Oakland and the Bay Area has necessitated the interventions at underutilized school campuses as a means of reallocating the District's limited financial and human resources to those schools that have demonstrated an increase in student progress; and

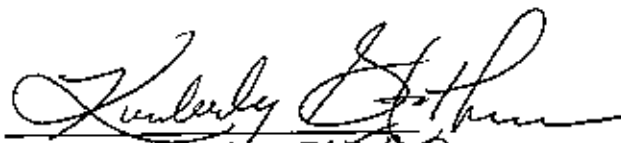
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schools shall have the new grade configurations, stated herein, effective the 2007-2008 school year:

School	Current Grade Configuration	New Grade Configuration
Sankofa	K-4, 6-8	K-5
Peralta Creek	6-7	7-8
Whittier	K-5	4-5
Jefferson	K-5	4-5
Webster	K-5	4-5
Lockwood	K-5	4-5
Cole	6-8	7-8
Roots	6-7	6-8
Coliseum College Prep	6-7	6-8
Elmhurst Community Prep	6-7	6-8
Alliance Academy	6-7	6-8
United for Success	6-7	6-8

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following schools shall be established at the new location or address, stated herein, effective August 1, 2007:

School	Current Location	New Location
Melrose Leadership Academy	1325 53 rd Avenue	5328 Brann Street
Sojourner Truth	9736 Lawlor Street	8251 Fontaine Street

I hereby certify that the foregoing as a full, true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the State Administrator and /or the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District held June 13, 2007.



Kimberly Statham, Ed.D.,
State Administrator
Oakland Unified School District