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TO: Vincent Matthews, State Administrator  
Board of Education

FROM: Kirsten Wal, Chief of Community Accountability

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 School Portfolio Management Adjustments

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval by Board of Education of Resolution No. 0708-0162 for 2008-2009 School Portfolio Management Adjustments.

**DISCUSSION**

OUSD is committed to assuring the availability of a diverse portfolio of high quality schools for students and families, both within neighborhoods and district-wide. OUSD staff annually reviews the portfolio of schools to evaluate any necessary adjustments.

Closure of Maxwell Park and Opening of New Maxwell Park

On February 28, 2007, Dr. Kimberly Statham approved the incubation of a new school to serve the Maxwell Park community. This resolution formalizes the intent to close Maxwell Park at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, and to open a new school on the Maxwell Park campus at the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The name of this new school is yet to be decided.

Closure of Ralph J. Bunche Academy and opening of Ralph J. Bunche Continuation School

Ralph J. Bunche Academy was designed to serve over-aged middle school students as a means of accelerating their movement into traditional high schools at grade level. The program has not demonstrated success in achieving this mission. Of the 607 students who have attended Bunche over the past 4 years, only 10% have returned to comprehensive high schools. The remaining students are either still enrolled at Bunche (33%) or not currently enrolled in any OUSD program (40%). Of the 607 students who have attended Bunche over the past 4 years, only 9 are scoring proficient in Math. No students who have attended Bunche over the past 4 years are scoring proficient in ELA.

On December 12, 2007, Staff recommended the transition of Ralph J. Bunche from an opportunity school into a continuation school. Continuation Education is a high school diploma program, which serves students age sixteen through eighteen who are credit deficient and at risk of not graduating through a regular comprehensive high school program.

Dewey Academy and Rudsdale are currently unable to accommodate all of the high school students in need of continuation education. The remaining over-age (but under 18), credit-deficient students are enrolled in traditional school programs that are unable to offer adequate alternative options for graduation. Currently in OUSD, there are 933 students who are 16 years or older with less than 85 credits. These students are significantly behind in credits and will most likely require a continuation alternative if they are to graduate. Providing a third continuation option will improve the alternatives available for these students. In addition, the location of Ralph J. Bunche Continuation school in West Oakland will create an even geographical distribution of the continuation options across the district.

Ralph J. Bunche Continuation School will require a new CDS code in order to open under continuation school authority. In addition, the new CDS code will enable an increase in the pupil retention block grant.

Change in Grade Configurations for Growing New Schools and Phasing out Schools

In Fall 2007, eight new schools were opened to serve communities across Oakland. In order to provide these schools with the opportunity to develop into their new program, each school was opened with limited grades (Elementary at K-3, Middle School at 6<sup>th</sup>, High School at 9<sup>th</sup>). These grade configuration adjustments reflect each of the following schools adding one additional grade: Futures Elementary School (K-4), Community United Elementary School (K-4), Learning Without Limits (K-4), Global Family School (K-4), Greenleaf Elementary (K-4), East Oakland Pride (K-4), West Oakland Middle School (6-7), Oakland International High School (9-10). While these new schools are growing into their full programs, the schools which previously served these communities are phasing out over a two year period. These grade configuration adjustments reflect each of the following schools shrinking by one grade: Lockwood Elementary (5), Jefferson Elementary (5), Whittier Elementary (5), Webster Elementary (5), Cole Middle School (8).

Change in Grade Configurations for Peralta Creek Middle School

One of the new small schools opened on the Calvin Simmons campus in Fall 2006, Peralta Creek Middle School, struggled during its first year of operation. As such, a decision was made to reduce the grade configuration down to 7-8 for 2007-2008 so that the school could refocus its program. Climate, culture and academic performance have all been improving at the school this year. Therefore, the school will re-enroll 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders next fall.

Change in Grade Configurations for Business Entrepreneurial School of Technology (BEST)

Significant high school enrollment decline in West Oakland has resulted in the need to conduct a detailed analysis of the schools and programs operating on the McClymonds campus. As they are currently configured, the two schools located at McClymonds – BEST and Excel – do not have sufficient financial resources to support the programs which students and families deserve. As a component of this evaluation process, it is recommended that the grade configuration at BEST be reduced to 10-12 for the 2008-2009 school year. The overall evaluation of programs operating at McClymonds will include a review of how to best support the Culinary Arts program currently operating on site, as well as the role that a new International Trade and Transportation Academy can serve for West Oakland families. A long-term recommendation about the appropriate mix of schools and programs to be located on the McClymonds campus will be made in December 2008 as part of the annual School Portfolio Management review process.

Location of Oakland International High School

Oakland International High School has been temporarily located at 4521 Webster Street (formerly the Carter Middle School Campus) during the 2007-2008 school year. During this time staff has evaluated possible long-term locations for the school. Based on the positive impact that this location has had on the school's ability to attract a diverse student population and based on the lack of alternative location possibilities, staff recommends that Oakland International High School be permanently located at 4521 Webster Street unless adjustments are necessary due to unforeseen circumstances related to future annual reviews of the district's portfolio of schools.

**BUDGET IMPACT**

Closure of Maxwell Park and Opening of New Maxwell Park

- The New Maxwell Park school is projected to receive \$90,300 in TIIG as a Year 1 New School during the 2008-2009 school year (\$300 per student) only.

Closure of Ralph J. Bunche Academy and opening of Ralph J. Bunche Continuation School

- 2007-2008 one time start up costs for the new continuation school: \$95,000

Change in Grade Configurations for Growing New Schools and Phasing out Schools

- All phasing out schools combined are projected to receive a total of \$75,600 in TIIG Phase Out School Funding during the 2008-2009 school year (\$200 per student)

- All growing schools combined are projected to receive a total of \$323,400 in TIIG Year 2 New School Funding during the 2008-2009 school year (\$150 per student)

Change in Grade Configurations for Peralta Creek Middle School

- None (TIIG small school allocation will be shifted from Peralta Creek to other schools, however the net investment remains the same)

Change in Grade Configurations for Business Entrepreneurial School of Technology

- None (TIIG small school allocation will be shifted to BEST from other schools, however the net investment remains the same)

Location of Oakland International High School

- None

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of all the recommendation outlined herein.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD<sup>1</sup> OF THE  
 OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**2008-2009 School Portfolio Management Adjustments  
 Resolution 0708-0162**

**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**, Oakland Unified School District is committed to assuring the availability of a diverse portfolio of high quality schools for students and families, both within neighborhoods and district-wide,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following schools shall close effective June 12, 2008 and California Department of Education (CDE) shall be notified of the closures and of the County, District Site (CDS) code:

School	Location	Grade Configuration
Maxwell Park	4730 Fleming Avenue	K-5
Ralph J. Bunche Academy	1240 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	9-12

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that an application to the California Department of Education for a CDS number is hereby authorized and upon the granting of such number by CDE, the following new schools shall open the 2008-2009 school year::

School	Location	Grade Configuration
New Maxwell Park (name TBD)	4730 Fleming Avenue	K-5
Ralph J. Bunche Continuation School	1240 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	11-12

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the following school grade configuration changes are authorized and shall be effective the 2008-2009 school year, with grade configuration phase outs or changes as stated herein authorized and effective the 2009-2010 school year:

School	Location	2007-2008 Configuration	2008-2009 Configuration
Futures Elementary School	6701 International Blvd	K-3	K-4
Community United Elementary School	6701 International Blvd	K-3	K-4
Learning Without Limits	2035 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave	K-3	K-4
Global Family School	2035 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave	K-3	K-4
Greenleaf Elementary	6328 East 17th Street	K-3	K-4
East Oakland Pride	8000 Birch Street	K-3	K-4
West Oakland Middle School	991 14th Ave	6	6-7
Oakland International High School	4521 Webster Street	9	9-10
Lockwood Elementary	6701 International Blvd	4-5	5 (phased out in 2009-2010)
Jefferson Elementary	2035 40 <sup>th</sup> Ave	4-5	5 (phased out in 2009-2010)

<sup>1</sup> Governing Board presently means the State Superintendent of Public Instruction or his designee, the State Administrator pursuant to SB 39; hereafter, upon return of local control, it means the Board of Education.

Whittier Elementary	6328 East 17th Street	4-5	5 (phased out in 2009-2010)
Webster Elementary	8000 Birch Street	4-5	5 (phased out in 2009-2010)
Cole Middle School	1011 Union Street	7-8	8 (phased out in 2009-2010)
BEST	2607 Myrtle Street	9-12	10-12
Peralta Creek Middle School	2101 35 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	7,8	6-8

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Oakland International High School shall remain located at 4521 Webster Street (formerly the location of Carter Middle School), until and unless a location change is expressly authorized by the Governing Board.

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 March 12, 2008.



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 Vincent Matthews  
 State Administrator  
 Oakland Unified School District