



OAKLAND  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**EQUITY  
PLEDGE**

**Equity Pledge Committee**  
**November 15, 2016**

# Agenda



- Welcome
- Opening Activity
- Special Education Working Group:
  - Belief Statements*
  - Snapshot of Special Education Essentials Across Oakland*
  - Problems of Practice*
- Closing

# Welcome to the Equity Pledge Committee



- Parents, students, educators and community groups working together with Oakland education leaders and experts to inform the Equity Pledge work and help to create solutions
- A volunteer group that meets monthly on the third Tuesday 5:30-7:30 pm
- Tonight the Special Education Working Group seeks community input and dialogue creation



# Recruiting Working Group Volunteers



We would welcome your expertise and ideas in our upcoming working group meetings. Please contact [mike.fenocketti@ousd.org](mailto:mike.fenocketti@ousd.org) for more details.

Working Group	Upcoming Meetings
Performance	November 18, December 16
Facilities	November 29, December 13
Special Education	December 7
Talent	December 14
Funding	December 15
Quality Schools Development	December 7
Enrollment	To be announced
Instructional Practice and Social Emotional Learning	To be announced

# Equity and Excellence Vision Activity



Please complete the following sentence starter as many times as you feel drawn to. The resulting language will be incorporated into the opening of the Written Equity Pledge.

Excellent schools \_\_\_\_\_.

# Equity and Excellence Vision Activity



Excellent schools \_\_\_\_\_.

## Excellent schools...

- feel safe and structured.
- prepare kids for college and/or career of their choice.
- communicate with parents.
- welcome all kids.
- support the needs of students and families and put them first when making decisions

# Special Education Working Group



1. We believe that the quality of programs for special needs students must be improved across the city.
2. We believe that parents of special needs students should access the public school system with ease, both in terms of seeking information and enrolling children in school.
3. We believe that data concerning Special Education services and funding across the district and charter sectors should be transparent and readily available.
4. We believe that the charter and district sectors should have a formal agreement in place that facilitates an individual special needs student to receive the best and most appropriate services the city has to offer regardless of enrollment in a charter or district school.

# Special Education Working Group



## Snapshot of Special Education Essentials across Oakland

### Oakland Unified School District

- Entire District operates as a single LEA and can legally centralize services throughout the district
- Includes 5 charter school organizations within the LEA and provides staffing, services and program determination for students within those charter schools.

### Charter Schools

- Most charter schools operate as a single LEA for the purposes of Special Education
- Charter schools are required by law to provide services called for in a student's IEP

Problems to work on: Policies and Structures; Quality Programs; Community Engagement; and Culturally, Linguistically Responsive, and Inclusive Practices

# Discussion



- A** – How should we be lifting up special education best practices from individual schools to be shared city-wide?
  
- B** – What should be addressed and considered in developing a formal agreement across the charter and district sectors to best serve students with moderate and severe special needs?
  
- C** – How should we be improving and expanding the information available to Oakland families about special education enrollment and services?

# Closing



- Thank you for bringing your energy to this work tonight!
- Our next EPC meeting will be **Tuesday, January 17 at 5:30 PM** at **Lighthouse Community Charter Public School**
- Please be sure you filled out the sign-in sheet at the front
- Submit your feedback at [oaklandequitypledge.org/get-involved](http://oaklandequitypledge.org/get-involved)
- Our Steering Committee members will answer any questions at each table

# Thank you from the Steering Committee!



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