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Subject: Re: Amendments to Board Policy 6006

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Thank you for suggested changes of which i agree

I do not wish to vote for 6006 but with changes that enforce who our duty is to protect from further erosion as in the district, i would vote for it.

Best
Rosie

On Sun, Jun 24, 2018 at 2:26 PM Parents United <parentsunitedforpublicschools@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Directors:

As we have communicated before, we have grave concerns that Board Policy 6006 was not designed to assure a high-quality public education for all Oakland students, but to serve as a transfer of OUSD resources to charter schools which we know are not serving all children, and is really just the policy embodiment of GO's 1Oakland initiative.

We have heard from multiple members of your body that that is not the intention, and we want to take you at your word. As written, however, the policy is not complete and we therefore ask that you consider the attached amendments to Board Policy 6006, developed in collaboration with other community partners, which we believe would better meet the Board's stated outcome of assuring high-quality public schools for all Oakland students.

The amendments we are suggesting would accomplish the following:

- Affirm that the OUSD Board of Education is committed to fulfilling its fiduciary duty to the students of Oakland Unified School District - something that is missing from both the language and the tone of Board Policy 6006 as written;
- Affirm that it is the intention of the OUSD Board of Education to use its existing leverage as both a charter school authorizer and a land-owner to hold charter schools to the Board's expectation that they provide a high-quality public education to ALL Oakland students at ALL levels of need, but especially those with the highest needs; and
- Remove divisive language that contributes to distrust between the Board and diverse stakeholder groups.

We respectfully request that you make the attached amendments to Board Policy 6006. We strongly believe that doing so will demonstrate your commitment to a meaningful Citywide vision for improving educational outcomes for all children. Alternatively, failing to do so will show that Board Policy 6006 is, indeed, what the community has repeatedly expressed we fear: the first step towards a massive give-away of District resources to charter schools, disguised in meaningless feel-good rhetoric.

Sincerely,

Parents United for Public Schools

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