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**Subject:** Re: Please pass a balanced budget that supports and educates our kids  
**Date:** May 22, 2018 at 7:41 PM  
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He's not in Oakland equity allies

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On May 22, 2018, at 5:36 PM, Mirella Rangel <[mirella@gopublicschools.org](mailto:mirella@gopublicschools.org)> wrote:

This looks like the work of the Equity Allies. I'll see if I can learn more about their priorities now.

Mirella

On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 5:14 PM Jumoke Hinton Hodge <[jumoke.hintonhodge@ousd.org](mailto:jumoke.hintonhodge@ousd.org)> wrote:  
FYI

Do you know who organizes this campaign!?

Gotten a few emails.  
Expect many more.  
But they always roll anonymously.

I actually saw a format out of Denver I'd love to share with y'all get your thoughts. Budget transparency.

Best  
JHH

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Mike Pitler <[mike@workshop1.com](mailto:mike@workshop1.com)>  
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**Subject:** Please pass a balanced budget that supports and educates our kids

Dear Board Members,

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**Stop spending money that is not effective in educating our children!**

I am writing to demand that you take accountability for your mistakes as a Board and prioritize our children for the 2018-19 budget.

**Develop a new budget process that is transparent, prioritizes equity, and authentically engages community**

Publish detailed Central office budgets. We have a right to know where over \$200M dollars (that is not going to schools) is being spent and whether it is effective year after year in educating our students.

Hold public hearings where every Central dept must present their budget, report on outcomes and justify their level of spending. If an expenditure doesn't result in a measurable improvement in student learning, we simply can't afford it.

Establish internal controls and accountability mechanisms to stop a culture of over-spending throughout OUSD.

### **Put Resources in the Hands of School Communities:**

Comply with your own policy passed in 2014, which requires you to put 88% of our resources in schools and classrooms and have no more than 12% in Central office (this includes Central, Infrastructure, and Central Supports to Schools). Keep staff (paid for by Central) that work directly with kids in schools such as nurses, counselors, restorative justice staff, etc. We need to be budgeting for student learning impact.

Put resources in the hands of school communities. Decisions need to be made by those closest to the kids and those most impacted.

Your most important job as an elected School Board Director is to pass a balanced budget that supports and educates our kids. It's time for you to do it.

Thank you,

Mike Pitler, A Peralta Parent and Oakland Business Owner

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