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Subject: Fwd: Proposed Board Policy 6006

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JH

Well

The debate has begun!

Probably no way to meet in this but would love to get some feedback

Hope you have the policy and have reviewed.

We are not ready for vote. This will be another reading.

Best

Jumoke

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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Dear Directors,

I am writing to you regarding Board Policy 6006, which is put forth by Director Harris. I urge you to vote no.

I don't know what is meant by the "reallocation of all OUSD resources, facilities and assets", or what would be involved in the "decision-making matrix for determining how many and how big schools will be" in this "hybrid" system of schools, and I don't see how this will "increase the quality of education across both district and charter sectors and ... provide the highest quality education at every school site in each Oakland neighborhood."

Oakland residents elected each of you to represent them in leading our public schools, not to promote charter schools or to distribute OUSD assets to them. It is your responsibility as elected representatives to manage our district's finances and operations, which you have not been successful in doing, and this has created a situation where parents are deeply concerned about the stability of the schools available to their children.

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In the current budget climate, caused by a combination of the board's poor fiscal mismanagement and the rampant proliferation of charter schools, this is not the solution.

Here are three ways you can improve our public schools-

1. Lower class sizes and caseloads, so our students can receive more 1:1 attention
2. Allocate more resources for our highest-need schools, for our most vulnerable students
3. Offer professional pay, so we can attract and retain great teachers for Oakland's children

This will involve re-prioritizing the budget, spending less on consultants, and shifting the focus to the classroom, where the students are.

Sincerely,

Bethany Meyer