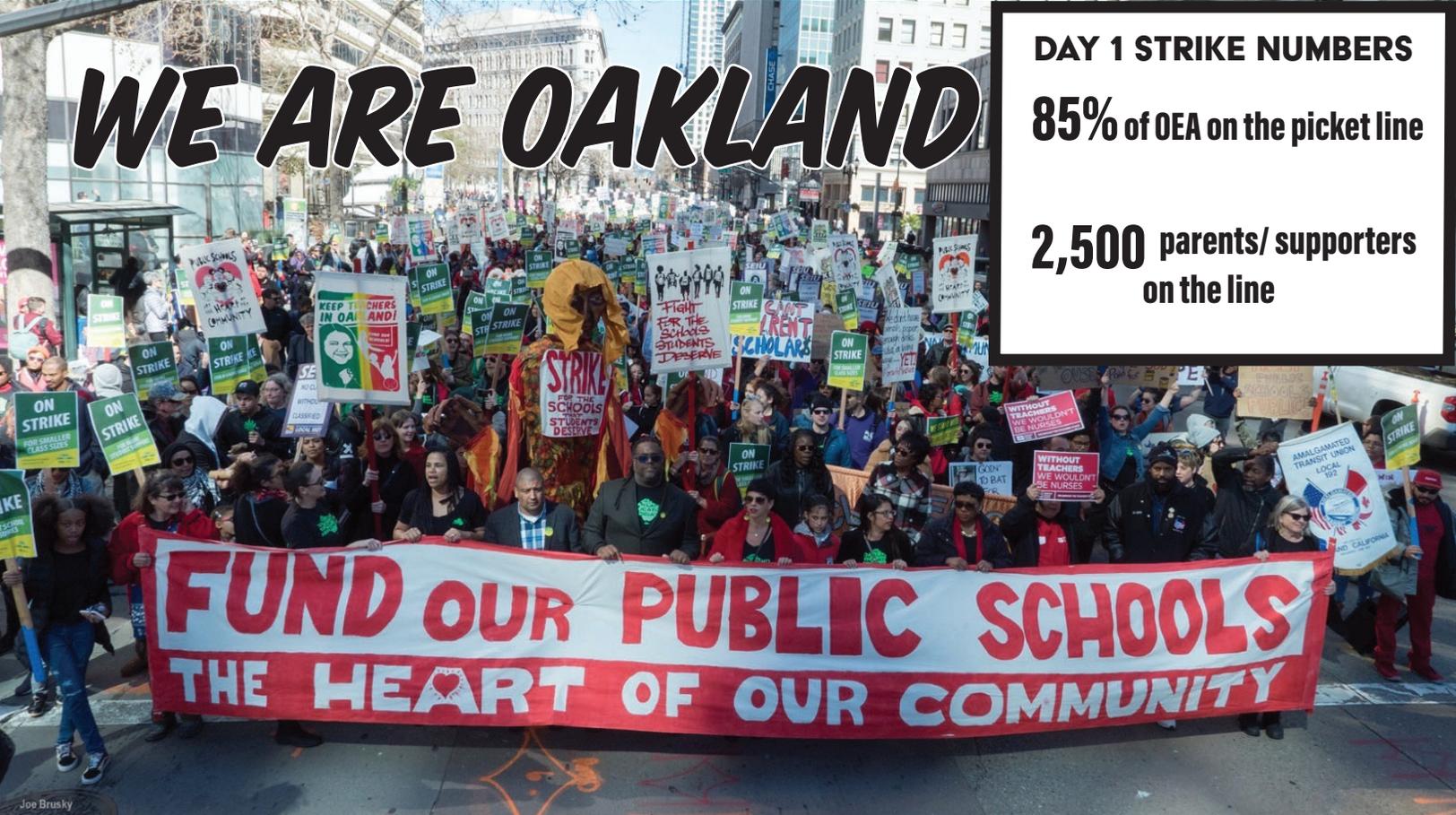


OAKLAND STRIKE NEWS



WE ARE OAKLAND



DAY 1 STRIKE NUMBERS
85% of OEA on the picket line
2,500 parents/ supporters on the line

STANDING TOGETHER FOR OAKLAND KIDS

In an brilliant display of solidarity and commitment to the students of Oakland, the community joined Oakland educators on picket lines at 86 school sites and in a massive rally at Oscar Grant Plaza.

“We are making history today,” said OEA President Keith Brown. “We are together as the Oakland community and we stand on the side of students!”

Parents, students, union activists and fellow educators stood proudly with OEA members in fighting for the resources that Oakland students deserve and public schools need.

“Three million of your brothers and sisters from the NEA, the largest union in the country, are right here with you,” vowed NEA Vice President Becky Pringle. “Oakland, you are not alone!”

BRING THE ENERGY TODAY AS BARGAINING RESUMES

A message from President Keith Brown

Brothers and sisters, yesterday was one of the most inspiring days of my life. We stood together to put Oakland students first. At 86 school sites across the district, we shut it down! Look at the power we have when we fight together for the resources our schools need and our students deserve.

The energy on the lines yesterday was amazing and we need more of it today. Our team will be back in bargaining this morning, so let's bring it today and show the district we are united for our students and we aren't backing down. This is Oakland! This is Town Business! When we strike, we win!

QUOTES FROM THE LINES

"I'm tired of seeing new teachers not be able to live in Oakland. One of my teachers commutes two hours because she can't afford to live here." -- Leslie Hanna, Inst. Teacher Leader

"I teach in Richmond, and in the Bay Area, we stick together. Oakland kids are just as important as Richmond kids. That's why I'm here.-- Emilia Calderon, United Teachers Richmond

"We're trying to make our district better. We're out here for our students."
-- Rachel Taber, TK/Kindergarten teacher



How long are we willing to strike for our students?

ON TAP TODAY

Unchecked growth of charter schools is costing OUSD \$57 million every year. Now, our school board is considering closing up to 24 OUSD schools. How could this make sense? Because billionaire privatizer-backed GO Public Schools is pushing them to, and GO has spent \$500,000 in the last few years electing our board.

Yesterday, union and non-union charter educators across Oakland strongly supported OEA and our students. Charter educators joined our picket lines, marched with us, sent solidarity letters to OUSD and even engaged in sick-outs and sympathy strikes.

Today, these teachers will join us to demand OUSD fully-fund our schools and stop closing them. Don't miss today's rally at 11:30 a.m. at DeFremery Park, 1651 Adeline St. Join us and stand together for Oakland public schools!