

OAKLAND STRIKE NEWS



THE WORLD IS WATCHING



THOUSANDS JOIN OUR FIGHT

ALL EYES ON OAKLAND AS WE STAND FOR STUDENTS

Our fight for the schools Oakland students deserve has captured hearts across the country and even worldwide, as we shine a light on the billionaires' agenda and systematic efforts to destroy public education in Oakland and nationwide. Millions have been following our fight on social media and supporting OEA's struggle for lower class sizes, more student supports, a living wage for educators and an end to the destructive closure of our community schools. Upward of 5,000 community supporters rallied and marched with us Friday as we shined a spotlight on GO Public Schools and their deliberate efforts to close public schools in our Black and Brown communities. We were joined by charter school educators who walked off the job in solidarity with OEA, delivering a message to OUSD and its plan to close 24 schools: "No cuts, no closures, meet the demands of OEA," said charter school teacher Catie Tombs. "My colleagues and I are here because we're saying 'not in our name! You will not shut down these schools in our name.'"

DAY 2 BY THE NUMBERS

- 96%** of **OEA** on the strike line
- 4,000** community supporters on the line & in the streets
- 3%** students in school
- ONE POWERFUL MOVEMENT FOR OAKLAND SCHOOLS**

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VOICES OF SUPPORT

"I stand with Oakland teachers who are fighting for smaller class sizes, fairer pay, more student support, and fundamentally defending public education. Oakland must not shut down 24 of the city's 87 public schools."

- Sen. Bernie Sanders

"I stand with Oakland teachers."

Steph Curry

"You teachers have got to be the most important people in the world." - Dolores Huerta

"Help us Bay Area folks stand with and support our Oakland Teachers, so this strike can end quick and they can get back to what they do best!" - Daveed Diggs

ON TAP TODAY

The first two days of the strike have shown that our demands for the resources our students deserve, a living wage to end the teacher crisis and an end to school closures are wholeheartedly supported and mandated by our community.

We need everybody to bring the energy today and make our strike lines as strong as possible! Pickets at all sites run from 6:30-10:30 a.m. Take a moment to dry off and have a warm drink before joining us downtown for a **massive 12:30 p.m. rally at Oscar Grant Plaza.**

After that, **we will picket the OUSD School Board Meeting from 3:30-7 p.m. at La Escuelita, 1050 2nd Ave. Join us and let the Board hear your voices!**

OUR POWER IS GROWING

A message from President Keith Brown

Last week was a powerful one for our entire community. On the first day of the strike, picket lines were packed and we marched through the streets to demand that OUSD make our students a priority. Day 2 was even more powerful with even stronger picket lines. I saw teachers dancing with students at Brookfield Elementary, picketing with joy and energy at Burbank ECE, and standing against school closures with the community at Roots International.

Seeing all of our union brothers and sisters rising defiantly to defend our students and public education in Oakland has been inspiring to me and to the world—last week, nearly *2 million* people visited our Facebook page.

I hope you all had time to rest this weekend, because we need to bring even more energy today. Our meetings with the district haven't resulted in any real movement on class size or

living wage issues, which are vital to improving learning conditions for our students and ending the teacher retention crisis. We need to keep our picket lines strong to force OUSD to listen to the community, provide the resources our students deserve and stop closing our neighborhood schools. Thank you so much for your sacrifice and commitment to these goals.



We are **Oakland**, we are united, we will stay strong and we will **WIN**.

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