

# OAKLAND STRIKE NEWS



## STANDING TOGETHER



## PICKETS GET STRONGER

### COMMUNITY SUPPORTS OUR FIGHT FOR OAKLAND KIDS

The movement to defend Oakland public schools started the week off with a bang yesterday morning, as picket lines swelled with parents, students and other community supporters. Across Oakland, strike lines were filled with rousing chants, singing, dancing and smiling neighbors committed to fighting alongside educators for the schools Oakland students deserve.

Thousands then converged on Oscar Grant Plaza for a raucous midday rally, featuring former Labor Secretary Robert Reich and UTLA President Alex Caputo-Pearl, followed by a march to the state building where our team and OUSD were bargaining. The march was so loud that the bargaining teams couldn't hear each other across the table.

"We have the power! Our bargaining team feels the power of our strong picket lines. We are united!" President Keith Brown said.

### DAY 3 BY THE NUMBERS

**96%** of OEA on **STRIKE**

**4,500** community supporters on the line & in the streets

**3%** students in school

**ONE GROWING MOVEMENT**

**#UNITE4OAKLANDKIDS**

## PARENT/STUDENT VOICES

*"Even though I'm a hard student to deal with, I love you all dearly. My teachers support and help me every day. That's why I'm out here."*

**Victoria Ochoa, Oakland Tech, Ninth Grade**

*"I support the teachers that support my son. I'm proud that you have such passion for our kids."*

**Angie Vargas, Parent**

*"My son is special needs and he woke up determined to come to school today. So, we came here to show our support for our teachers and our schools"*

**Jawharah Stevenson, Parent**

## ON TAP TODAY

With State Superintendent Tony Thurmond mediating, bargaining went late into the night last night (after press time) and is expected to continue all day today. The energy yesterday on the lines was amazing and our team could feel it.

Picket lines will run today until 10:30 a.m., and will be followed by a walk in students' shoes from Verdese Carter Park (9600 Sunnyside St.) near Elmhurst Community Prep to Roots International, to demonstrate the route Roots students will be forced to walk home if their school is closed. This march will start at 11:30 a.m. and a rally will follow at Roots.

We are expecting lots of rain today, so please be sure to take a moment to dry off before we make the two-mile march.



## HELP FIGHT OUSD MISINFORMATION

OUSD is trying to divide the community by misleading parents to scare them into bringing their kids to school. Please tell parents and community members that OEA is the only source for accurate information.

Don't let rumors impact our unity. Make sure they know to come to our website and social media accounts below if they hear anything that doesn't sound right.

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