

Parents, Guardians, Students!

SUPPORT THE OEA STRIKE! STOP THE BILLIONAIRES' ATTACK ON PUBLIC EDUCATION!

Our union, the Oakland Education Association (OEA), is on strike, and we're asking for your active support.

Our strike is about nothing less than saving public education in Oakland.

Bankrolled by billionaires, GO Public Schools and the school board they bought are dead set on closing up to 24 district schools—more than a quarter of all district schools—mostly in low-income communities of color. On January 29, the school board already voted to close Roots International Academy in East Oakland.

Closing these schools is a blatant attack on Black and Brown communities.

These closures will increase community instability and force students into potentially unsafe situations as they commute farther to school.

It's also an attack on *all* district schools, not just those that are closed. After years of starving our schools, the billionaire-backed school board says these closures will save money and improve the quality of education for all students, but there is no reliable evidence to support this claim. What the closures *will* do is force more students into privately run, but publicly funded charter schools, causing the district to lose millions of dollars in revenue that could be used for *actually* improving all schools—by lowering class sizes, hiring more nurses, counselors, librarians, and other support personnel, and paying teachers adequately so they can live and work in Oakland. *The drain of students to charter schools already costs Oakland public schools \$57 million per year!* This same billionaire-controlled district also spends a higher percentage of its budget on high priced administrators and outside consultants than any other comparably sized district in the state.

The educators of Oakland say enough is enough! Our fight is about living wages, more support for students, and lower class sizes because Oakland students deserve a public school system that truly serves our communities, not the billionaires. As we strike, we are asking you—parents, guardians, students, and community members—to join our picket lines and rallies. Only our *combined strength and determination* can force the school board to choose between their billionaire friends or the community.

THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IN OAKLAND IS AT STAKE!

