

Meet the School Board Candidates!

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School Board: District 1

Sam Davis



Sam Davis is an Oakland Tech parent and former Oakland teacher, involved in the schools in our community for over 17 years. He is running for school board in district 1 (North Oakland), endorsed by the teachers' union (OEA), the Democratic Party, numerous elected officials and organizations, and by many individual families and educators at all the public schools in North Oakland.

School Board: District 1

Austin Dannhaus



Austin has dedicated his career to improving public education and ending racial inequality in schools and universities. He has been a 3rd grade teacher, after school literacy instructor, high school coach, community organizer, and educational policy advocate. Austin currently teaches with the Prison University Project at San Quentin and works with education foundations and nonprofits to improve educational programs across the country. Here in Oakland, he's a member of the Guardian Gym which provides free martial arts classes to Oakland students along with meals and academic tutoring.

School Board: District 3

Maiya Edgerly



I am a third generation resident of West Oakland with strong roots in education. I founded a non-profit organization (Onyx Scholars), that provides college access, scholarships and local job opportunities; specifically for low-income students in Oakland. Currently, I support students with disabilities and help them develop important life and independence skills to aid in their successful transition to the work world.

School Board: District 5

Mike Hutchinson



Mike is proud to say that he was born, raised, and educated in Oakland. He is a second generation Oakland educator who spent over 20 years working and volunteering in Oakland's schools and with our youth. In 2011-12 his engagement increased when he became very involved in the fight to stop the public schools he worked at from being closed. Since 2012 he's worked to save and improve public education in Oakland as a community organizer and advocate around education justice issues.

School Board: District 5

Mike Hutchinson

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He's testified at the Department of Education in Washington D.C. about the damage caused by school closures and charter schools in Oakland, co-founded OPEN - Oakland Public Education Network, and is a founding member of the Journey for Justice National Alliance. Mike has actively involved in the #PoliceFreeSchools campaign and is currently running for Oakland school board in District 5 on a platform of quality public neighborhood schools.

School Board: District 5

Leroy Gaines



I've been a teacher, principal, non-profit leader, and volunteer in the Bay Area for the last 20 years and in Oakland for the last 10. I was principal at ACORN Woodland Elementary for 9 years, earning OUSD Principal of the Year and leading our school to a California Distinguished School status in 2012. I served on the board of the Administrator's Union and now lead a non-profit training principals nation-wide.

School Board: District 5

Leroy Gaines

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As a first-generation Afro-Latino American, I'm running for School Board because our students and families deserve a leader who will stand with them, advocate for them, and represent them. My priorities as School Board member are to increase literacy rates across the city, improve the recruitment and retention of fantastic teachers, and ensure equitable outcomes in all our schools.

School Board: District 7

Kristina Molina



My name is Kristina Molina; I am a Xicana cisgender, pronouns she/her/hers/ella. I am honored to run as your next District 7 Oakland School Board Trustee. I am a proud mother of four OUSD students, two who are special learners, and the daughter of California farmworkers that were unionized by Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta.

School Board: District 7

Kristina Molina

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As a resident of East Oakland for over 35 years, I attended Melrose Elementary, Calvin Simmons Junior High, and Fremont High School. As a youth mentor, I fought for the well-being of our most vulnerable children, including trafficked and sexually exploited students. I believe that a student's report card is a direct indicator of a child's mental, emotional, and physical well-being. We must begin to see F's and D's as a cry for help. I am calling for full transparency and accountability of the OUSD budget to address the issues of education inequity, racial segregation, privatization, special education, chronic truancy, sexism, homophobia, immigration status, and teacher attrition.

School Board: District 7

Victor Valerio



Born and raised in Oakland, California. Grew up in East Oakland, the eldest of five siblings and first generation Chicano in the United States. Attended Lazear Elementary, Oakland Charter Academy, and John C. Fremont High School.

Graduated from San Francisco State University in Civil Engineering and Political Science. Works as a Transportation Project Engineer at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency. Currently serves as a member of OUSD Citizen Oversight Bond Committee for A, B, and J.