

## SCHOOL QUALITY REVIEW

**Quality**Community **Schools**Development

"The development of quality schools requires a clear understanding of how effective schools and school systems work, and a clear definition of quality." -Oakland Unified School District Strategic Plan, May 2011

### the SQR's PURPOSE...

- As called for in OUSD's Strategic Plan, the School Quality Review is the center-piece for a stronger, more transparent system of accountability.
- It is intended to provide a clear, holistic view of schools and Central Services to a wide range of stakeholders.
- It is based on a common definition of QUALITY: Oakland community-developed OUSD School Quality Standards.

## the SQR PROVIDES...

# STUDENTS, FAMILIES, & COMMUNITY

with a

#### **WINDOW**

to see

how our schools & services are meeting the *quality standards* 

#### STAFF

with a

#### **MIRROR**

to reflect on

what's working and what needs improvement

#### **ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

with a

#### **DATABASE**

to track

"What Works" in Oakland



## so that...

#### MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY

SHARE UNDERSTANDING, MAKE BETTER-INFORMED DECISIONS, AND TAKE THE STRATEGIC STEPS OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

# How were the OUSD School Quality Standards developed?

To build a common definition of quality, the Quality Community Schools Development group

- Conducted an Oakland-wide listening campaign;
- Partnered with youth researchers who conducted a youth listening campaign;
- Collaborated with multiple OUSD task forces;
- And, with the assistance of Oakland community members, distilled the gathered expectations of quality into Oakland School Quality Standards.

These School Quality Standards were unanimously approved by the OUSD Board of Education in June

#### Which schools are participating this year?

Lafayette Roosevelt Burckhalter
Westlake Urban Promise Academy Madison
Chabot Garfield EnCompass
Sankofa Learning Without Limits Markham
Montera Franklin Frick

# What will the SQR mean for my school?

Each OUSD school will participate in a Review at least every 3 years. Through the schools reviewed each year, OUSD Central Services will participate in a Review. The Reviews gather qualitative and quantitative data to gain a much richer picture of what's working and not working in our schools and central services. This data is gathered through:

- A Self-Reflection written by the school,
- An analysis of the school's student outcome data and key planning documents, and
- Campus & classroom observations during a 3 day site visit and Interviews/Focus Groups/ Meetings with students, families, community partners, teachers, administrators, and Central Services staff.

#### Who can I contact for more information?

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