

**OAK PARK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2012-13 FINANCE, BUDGET AND FACILITIES
MORAL IMPERATIVES**

We Believe:

- The district will maintain a balanced budget that reflects our priorities.
- The district will operate with efficiency, effectiveness, integrity and transparency.
- The budget and the facilities should support our moral imperatives and collaborative approach, and reflect our mission.

GOALS	ACTION PLAN/MEASURABLE OUTCOMES
3a. To provide safe, clean, and high quality facilities that support the instructional program.	• Focus on this goal as the Facility Master Plan projects are re-examined (see 3f). • Increase video surveillance and campus lighting. • Enhance the landscape at the schools and ensure that weeds are eradicated, turf and plants are watered and maintained, and the general appearance of the schools is pleasing to the community.
3b. Continue to evaluate and explore options to create greater efficiency and maximize resources.	• Continue to look for ways to save energy, water, gas, and paper, especially when looking at Measure R upgrades.
3c. Continue to educate and involve our community in becoming partners in providing financial stability and support for our district.	• Work with Friends of Oak Park Schools and the sub-committee Our Children's Future to build positive affiliations among parents, the community, and the schools.
3d. Ensure employee total compensation is always a priority in the budgeting process, as part of the effort to provide the highest quality education to all students.	• Work with employee associations on common goals such as to preserve the length of the school year, maintain reasonable class sizes, and provide quality health benefits to employees as much as possible in the face of extraordinary cuts to public school funding by the state and federal governments.
3e. Maintain fiscal responsibility and transparency throughout the district and to the community at large.	• Use our resources fully toward our core mission: To educate our students and maintain our employees without placing the District in financial jeopardy in what has become a catastrophic fiscal environment due to state and federal cuts. • Continue meetings with parents and staff regarding the budget and our financial situation.
3f. Develop a process to present the Measure R and C6 spending plans to show the following: • The effect on later year projects when mid-year priorities are changed. • How and where Measure R funds are being used for known and unforeseen maintenance items.	• Involve the Citizens Oversight Committee earlier in the Measure R and C6 planning process for informational purposes

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3g. Provide an annual updated spending plan and a long-term strategic vision for Measure R and C6.	• Consult with the schools and then revise the Master Plan and provide costing and prioritization of projects based on the available funds. • Begin an aggressive schedule of construction for the next several years to use bond funds issued in spring of 2011. • Articulate C6 spending plan that is aligned with the Visionary Outlook.
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