

OEA TEACHER-FAMILY CONNECTION

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DEFENDING YOUR CHILD'S QUALITY EDUCATION

After the first five days of the new school year we, the educators of the Oakland Education Association (OEA), are concerned that your child is in an overcrowded classroom. The legal agreement between the OEA and the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) states that by the end of the tenth day school day (September 11, 2003) that all classes will be reduced to the minimum contractual limits appropriate for the continued quality education of your children.

We are especially concerned as we start this school year that the students in the Oakland public schools do not suffer due to the financial crisis in the district and the major reductions in staffing that occurred last year.

We assume that principals will focus their efforts on reducing class size by the above date but in order to guarantee these important class size limits, we are asking you to call your school site as well as State Administrator Ward if your child is in an overcrowded classroom.

The OEA will continue to keep you informed about this as well as other key teaching and learning issues that affect all the students in Oakland.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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VISIT your school site to see the conditions for yourself

CALL your school's principal
State Administrator Dr. Ward (510) 879-8200

E-MAIL the Superintendent and School Board Directors at:
<http://webportal.ousd.k12.ca.us>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OAKLAND SCHOOLS, STUDENTS, AND
TEACHERS!