

Oakland Unified School District director candidate questionnaire

Thank you for taking the time to complete The Oaklandside's 2020 election questionnaire. Please briefly answer each question using no more than 300 words. Please be as specific as possible when discussing policy ideas or positions you've taken, or would take, on different issues.

Name: Bronché Taylor

What district seat are you running for: OUSD District 7

1. Why are you running for Oakland Unified School District's board of education?

I'm compelled to run for school board because I have innovative ideas to produce better outcomes for all of Oakland students, teachers and parents. I am concerned about the current state of OUSD. The lack of accountability around fiscal stewardship, academic excellence, professionalism, safety, citizenship, and youth development have compelled me to action.

2. Please list your age, education, any professional licenses or other relevant credentials, your current occupation, and your neighborhood of residence.

Im 37 years old. I graduated from the American Musical and dramatic academy in New York City. Co-Founded the Oakland Best Buy Teen Tech Center. Here is a link to check out the programs. <https://youtu.be/c6bGWLS50zg>

3. What schools did you attend? What schools do your kids attend?

I attended pittsburg High School and Bear Creek High School In Stockton. My kids attend Frick, and Envision Academy and Castlemont..

4. What qualifies you to run for the school board?

I currently work for Oakland Public Education Fund as a fiscal project manager on behalf of all schools in OUSD. For more information about my job click here: <https://www.oaklandedfund.org>

For the last five years I have worked at McClymonds High School in multiple roles such as teacher of performing arts electives during the school day and managing the day-to-day

operations of the after school program, tech center, and community programs and partnerships. As the director of the McClymonds Youth and Family Center, these daily operations were included in my role of leadership. As a parent and teacher, I have extensive experience working in Oakland schools and engaging with students, teachers, administrators, and key stakeholders across the structure of the school district.

5. Where can voters get more information about your campaign?
Bronche4oakland.com

6. What do you think are the biggest issues facing Oakland schools and students right now?

Inequitable distribution of resources and lack of performance evaluation processes to measure district wide outcomes over all..

7. The district has been plagued by financial problems for years. What do you think should be done to put the district on the right track?

The district needs to innovate and reimagine revenue streams and other sources of income. The district has a large amount of property that I feel we should use to make money.

8. Earlier this year, the school board voted to eliminate the district's police department. How should the district ensure safety on school campuses?

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9. How would you improve the district's COVID-19 response and distance learning curriculum? How should the district decide when to re-open for in-person learning?

10. Does the district have too many school sites for the number of students it serves, and should it close some campuses? Or, should the district maintain all of its current school campuses and prevent closures and mergers?

There are definitely campuses that can and should be closed inside of OUSD. The district

11. How would you address under-enrollment across the district?

In order to increase enrollment I would use my parent, student and teacher committees to support me in identifying ways to increase enrollment. I would also propose redesigning the school schedule and academic offerings to be more culturally relevant to attract more students and families.

What role should charter schools play in Oakland's education landscape? Do you support or oppose the idea of a moratorium on new charter schools?

I support charter schools and district schools. I believe there is room inside our school district for both charter vs district schools to co-exist and thrive in Oakland. Charters offer alternatives and specialized academic programs like OSA or AIA High School. I do support the idea of a moratorium

12. How can the district attract and retain quality teachers?

Start by offering better Salaries and setting them up for succes by ensuring that prior to the first day of school all the tools they require to teach are provided. In addition listen to teachers and innovate policies that produce better outcomes for teachers.

13. What policies, if any, should OUSD implement to create more integrated schools?

In order to create more integrated schools I would utilize parent, student, and teachers to develop a strategy to elevate the issue

14. What needs should Oakland schools fulfill to become quality community schools?

There needs to be an evaluation of all schools and personal to identify our strengths and weaknesses. After this information is recieved we can develop a plan of action to increase the quality.