Message from #OU

On behalf of our Coalition, **thank you for your commitment to join our city-wide movement to close the digital divide** and ensure every public school student - the 50,000 students in district and charter schools across Oakland - have nightly home access to a computer, internet and tech support. Your partnership has been critical to increase equity for Oakland students and families.

Impact to Date: Since March 2020, *#OaklandUndivided has created over $5M in savings for Oakland charter schools.* Specifically, #OU provided over **4,500 computers and 7,500 free or reduced cost hotspots directly to charter school students**, provided free tech support to all students through Tech Exchange (which served 10,000 tech support requests across Oakland in 20-21), and support in applying for Emergency Connectivity Fund reimbursement. 30 of 32 charter schools chose to be official #OU Partners, signed the pledge, and committed to provide all students with 1:1 home access to computers in 2021-2 and collaborate to leverage funding partnerships to ensure their students home access to computers, internet and tech support.

As we plan for the 22-23 school year, **we hope you will continue to be an official partner of #OaklandUndivided and re-sign the #OU pledge by May 6, 2022**. We integrated feedback from charter leaders, attempted to simplify and clarify expectations as well as provide flexibility wherever possible. Everyone who re-commits will continue to be eligible for benefits of our partnership and most important, ensure digital access for all our students in need. If you have any questions, let us know in hopes we can plan for next year and include you in our upcoming events... hope to see you at our 5/6 End-of-year event at MLK Jr Elementary School!

Sincerely,

David Silver
Director of Education for Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf

2022-2023 Digital Access Pledge

PURPOSE: #OaklandUndivided is a citywide initiative with to ensure all Oakland public school students have access to:

1. a **computer** for home use,

2. reliable , at-home **internet connection**, and

3. culturally-responsive **tech support**

East Bay Innovation Academy commits to partner with #OaklandUndivided to ensure that every student at our school has access to home digital access **during the 2022-23 school year**. To fulfill this commitment, we will

☐ **proactively assess student home digital access needs**,

☐ **ensure that every student** that is enrolled at our school in grades 9-12 and every 6th-8th grade who needs it **has a computer that is available nightly for use at home and every student**,

☐ work in collaboration with #OU to **leverage opportunities to support internet access**, and

☐ **appoint a liaison** to implement this ambitious initiative

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1. Assessing Student Need

To ensure that all students have home access to a computer and internet, our school will survey 100% of students at least once per year to assess their home digital needs through a short survey at the beginning of the year that asks about access to (1) a computer and (2) internet.

Step 1: Choose a Survey: We will integrate a digital needs assessment for computer and internet access into our data collection processes **or** use #OU's **4-question Tech Check Survey** annually.

Step 2: Give It to Everyone: We will integrate the digital access survey (i.e. the 4-question tech check or our own) into the Back to School/Registration process OR use our internal process to survey all students.

Step 3: Report Progress:
If we are integrating the digital needs assessment into the enrollment, we will report student need data quarterly to the #OU Charter School Coordinator, providing transparent data about how many students do or do not have home access to a computer and internet, as agreed upon by our organization signing the California Student Data Privacy Agreement (CSDPA).

If we are using the #OU Tech Check Survey, we commit to (1) signing a CA Student Data Sharing Privacy Agreement (CSDPA), a detailed data sharing agreement with TechExchange, a fiscally sponsored project of the Oakland Public Education Fund, and (2) sharing the enrollment data outlined in the CSPDA with TechExchange.

2. Providing Computers

Computer Commitment: We will ensure that **every student grades TK-12 at our school has access to a computer that is available at home during non-school hours for use** during the 2022-23 school year, whether provided by the family, previously provided by #OaklandUndivided, or purchased and/or loaned by our school. There are two ways to fulfill this commitment.

Option #1 (recommended): After assessing home digital access of all students, LEA commits to providing personal devices for all students without **1:1** access at home during non-school hours. Computers will be provided to students in need within 60 days of enrollment, supply chain permitting, to: ● All new students who enroll in our school who lack access to a home computer. ● Returning students who have a lost or damaged device that needs to be replaced. ● Any student whose needs have changed and no longer have access to a home computer. For example, one LEA may decide to have students bring a laptop to and from school everyday (textbook model). Other LEAs may decide to ensure all families have a device designated for home.	**Option #2**: After assessing all students for home digital access, LEA may decide devices will only be provided to students who either (1) have **no** access to a device at home, or (2) who only have **limited** access to a shared device. This means ● LEAs may deem that students have adequate digital access if they reside in a household where students have access to a shared device that is always available for them to complete learning tasks. For example, one LEA may ensure 1:1 for all students in upper grades and an available device for elementary students who may have less need for a 1:1 device.

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3. Support Home Internet Access

Internet: Once needs have been identified through a digital needs assessment, LEA will work in collaboration with #OU to ensure students have home internet access. This may include:

- Collaborating with non-profits or CBOs to enroll unconnected students and families in the long-term federal broadband subsidy (Affordable Connectivity Program) through in-person events at school sites, distributing enrollment information to families, directing families in need of assistance to call centers
- Accessing free or discounted hotspots that #OU partners have access to, applying for state or federal funding to offset the cost of devices, or pursuing other partnerships with #OU.

4. Appoint a Liaison

Appoint a liaison: In order to support completion of the needs assessment, distribution of devices, collaboration with #OU to ensure students have home internet access, communicate all opportunities directly requested by #OU, respond to email requests for data sharing from #OU, share testimonials, provide feedback and updates, and make decisions on behalf of our school as it relates to these commitments. Funding permitting, #OU will provide a stipend of $500 for this liaison.

We understand that this is a pledge, not a legally binding agreement, and reflects an intended commitment for partnership in the 2022-2023 school year.

Either sign and return this pledge or respond to the email containing this pledge by **March 1, 2022**, affirming your commitment for the 2022-23 school year.

Michelle S. Cho

| East Bay Innovation Academy | Michelle Cho | |
| Charter Organization | Charter Leader Name | Charter Leader Signature |

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