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To:

Members of the Education Partnership Committee

From: Councilmember Noel Gallo, Co-Chair

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RE:

Special Education Partnership Committee meeting – February 23, 2015

BACKGROUND

The Education Partnership Committee (formerly City-School Partnership Committee) was established in 1988 as a vehicle for two independent bodies, the Oakland City Council and the Oakland Board of Education, to jointly act on policy issues of importance for the education and development of Oakland's children and youth. The Committee is comprised of the members of the City Council Life Enrichment Committee (formerly Cultural Services Committee) and the Board of Education's Intergovernmental Relations Committee.

POLICY

Since its inception, the Committee has addressed policy areas of mutual concern including, for example, joint facility use; after school programming, disposition of jointly owned property; improvements to children's play areas, athletic fields and other recreational facilities; school safety; school attendance and truancy reduction; career academies and job training programs; and early childhood education.

The Committee has consistently agreed to focus on policy action items that would be implemented by the City and/or School District.