

# Office of Charter Schools



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## FEATURE

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## Silke's Farewell

Dear Fearless Leaders,

The new year represents new beginnings and I hope that 2018 has started off strong for all of you. It's timely that I also share with you my decision to leave Oakland USD and transition (Jan15-Feb15) to a new role/region.

This was obviously a very difficult decision to make as I have spent close to five years in OUSD. This may not be a long time for many, but for me it represents the longest I have chosen to remain in any position. I attribute this longevity to having had the pleasure of working with the amazing educators that make up the charter and district sectors in Oakland. Thank you all for your collaboration and support during my tenure here.

I am heading back to the beach for my next chapter in overseeing the 18 charter schools authorized by the Los Angeles County of Education (LACOE). I'm excited for my future there, while I continue to be excited for all of the things you will continue to accomplish here. The office will be in good hands as Leslie Jimenez will transition into the Coordinator of Charter Schools role, and in the Spring will hire a compliance/analytics specialist to help support her and the work of the office.

If I could leave you all with just one thought, remember that we are all on the same team in wanting to ensure a high quality education for all children. Continue to lean on and push each other to this end.

If you ever want to get in touch, my contact info is below. I do not see this as goodbye as the education world is so small, so surely our paths will cross again. Until then, lead from the heart so that you "... can transform and empower school communities to reconnect with the joy of teaching and learning!"~Dr. Freda Rossi

In Service,

*Silke Bradford*

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