

International High School to open next fall in Oakland

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OAKLAND — Next fall, immigrant teenagers who have lived in the United States less than four years will have the chance to attend a new public high school in Oakland designed specifically for them.

Claire Sylvan, founder of the Internationals Network for Public Schools in New York City, told the Oakland school board this week the school would help recent immigrants successfully integrate into a new culture

and graduate — no matter how many years it takes.

A spokeswoman for the network says about 90 percent of Internationals graduates go on to college.

"We try to do in one generation what often takes two to three," Sylvan said.

State administrator Kimberly Statham approved the school over the objections of some school board members, who expressed concern about the potential for segregation and

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