

BLACK STUDENT UNION WALKOUT

On Sunday February 25th, 2024 Bay Area Labor for Palestine, rented Westlake to do a teach-in about the genocide happening in the Isreal/Palestine conflict. The unions who organized the teach-in have all passed, "Cease Fire Resolutions". Less than 24 hours before the teach-in was scheduled to happen the district canceled the reservation with very little notice or explanation. The district stated they could not staff or guarantee the safety of the event, which has never been an issue with any past events with the same amount of attendees. Despite the district's reasoning, The Black Student Union condemns the censoring of free speech, and suppression of political activism. Westlake was chosen for a reason because it is a safe space for organizers to have honest discussion about the conflict and is known for student activism due to the fight to keep Westlake open.

As response to the district canceling this justified and very important teach-in, the BSU will be leading a walkout on Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 in support of a ceasefire in Palestine and the right to freedom of speech. The walk-out will be to the Black Panther Museum on 14th and Broadway, the African American Museum, and then we will attend the school board meeting at 4:30PM at La Escuelita to speak during public comment to let the district know that we condemn the genocide in Palestine and the censoring of free speech.