



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

April 12, 2016

The role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to represent parent voices and perspectives to inform Board of Education policy discussions and decisions. This report provides a brief update about the PAC's work with the Special Education Services, sharing the LCAP (Local Control and Accountability Plan) findings in an upcoming public forum and a call for new PAC members.

Parents for Special Education Panel

The PAC was invited participate on a parent panel, "Navigating Special Education and Advocating for Students with Disabilities." This panel is part of a special workshop designed for family service providers and practitioners. PAC member, Catalina Ramirez, will share her experience about navigating supports and services for her child as a monolingual Spanish-speaking parent. This event is sponsored by the San Francisco Family Support Network and will be facilitated by San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) staff from Special Education Services and community-based organization Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. It will be held this Friday, April 15th from 9am-12pm in the Board of Education Room at 555 Franklin Street.

Special Education IEP (Individualized Education Plan) Survey

PAC members have also been working with our community partners and district staff from Special Education Services on the development of a SFUSD Special Education IEP Survey. This tool is being designed for families to provide feedback to school sites regarding their experience during IEP meetings, as part of the cycle of continuous improvement. It is intended to highlight promising practices, identify areas to improve and foster communication between families and schools. We hope this survey will be available to SFUSD families in the new school year.

Publicly Sharing the Findings from LCAP Community Conversations

The PAC is excited to announce this Thursday, April 14, 2016 the LCAP Task Force will share our Report of Findings from our Community Engagement Campaign on SFUSD's Local Control and Accountability Plan. We will highlight the major themes we heard from the series of community conversations we held during March. This event is open to the public and will include small group discussions to help shape SFUSD's annual LCAP and inform the school district's budget process. Families interested in learning more about our district's LCAP are encouraged to participate. Dinner, childcare and interpretation will be provided and will be held in the Board of Education Room at 555 Franklin Street from 6:00-8:00pm.

PAC Recruitment and Outreach

The PAC is still actively recruiting new members for next school year 2016-2017. Applications are available on our website in English, Spanish and Chinese at www.pacsf.org and are due this Friday, April 15, 2016.

*If you have any questions or comments about this report, or the PAC's work in general,
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