



San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

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The role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to represent parent voices and perspectives to inform Board of Education policy discussions and decisions. The PAC does not meet over the summer recess, but staff focused on fundraising efforts, preparing to onboard new members, and planning for the first few meetings of the year.

Setting the Stage for the School Year

The PAC held its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, August 24th, welcoming both returning and new PAC members. Traditionally, we invite the Superintendent of Schools to join us to talk about the district's top priorities for the new school year to help inform our work. With Superintendent Richard Carranza announcing his resignation in late July, many PAC members had the following questions:

- What is the process for recruiting and choosing a new superintendent?
- What role will families have in the process?
- What other changes and/or restructuring is taking place in the district that families should be aware of?

We appreciate the time Interim Superintendent Myong Leigh took to meet with the PAC to answer our questions and outline the initial steps in the superintendent search, including a general timeframe and the Board's process to draft a Request for Qualifications for a Superintendent Search Firm. PAC members look forward to learning more as the process develops, particularly about the community engagement piece.

At our meeting, PAC members also reviewed data, SFUSD student demographics and trends to provide context for establishing our own priorities for the year. We will continue this process and identify project teams at our next PAC meeting, which is tomorrow Wednesday, September 14th.

In addition, Dr. Mary Ellen Cashen, Program Administrator with the Achievement Assessments Office, will join us to gather feedback on the companion documents that accompany the new Standards Based Report Cards, which are being implemented this fall.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Task Force

One area of work the PAC will continue is its collaboration with the SFUSD LCAP Task Force, which held its first meeting on August 30th. We are committed to improving the community engagement process and supporting the overall implementation of the state's equity-based funding model. The next LCAP Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th from 4-5:30pm at 555 Franklin Street.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, or the PAC's work in general, please contact the PAC at (415) 355-2201, or at pac@sfusd.edu.

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