



# San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

## Report to the Board of Education

October 10, 2017

The role of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is to represent parent voices and perspectives to inform Board of Education policy discussions. This report outlines the PAC's priorities for this school year, next steps and plans to participate in the SFUSD Enrollment Fair.

### Priorities for the PAC in 2017-2018

Each fall the PAC set priorities and develops concrete action plans, accordingly. PAC members review district data, priorities from the previous year and explore new ideas. PAC members also consider district priorities, maintain equity at the center and explore how our work might have the greatest impact by sharing what we have heard from families with Board Commissioners and district leaders. As a result, the PAC recently established areas of focus and will identify specific actions to support the following priorities for the 2017-2018 school year:

- **Strengthen collaborative projects with the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) and the District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC)** to support parent engagement across diverse communities, leadership development and equity of voice in critical education policies that impact student outcomes. This collaboration promotes an exchange of ideas, strengthens joint actions and works toward developing shared solutions to policies of mutual concern.

#### **Specific areas of collaboration to reinforce the SFUSD's strategic goals include:**

- a. **Student Achievement:** Increase reclassification rates among all English Learner language groups  
  
Increase SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) scores for African American, Latino and Pacific Islander students as well as youth in foster care
- b. **Access & Equity:** Increase access to language pathway programs for African American (AA) students and Advance Placement courses for African American and Latino students as well as for the summer geometry course that will be offered in 2018 and 2019  
  
Expand the equity of digital access across the district, specifically increase opportunities in schools for students to develop and practice keyboarding skills
- c. **Accountability:** support and strengthen the alignment of School Site Councils (SSCs), English Learner Advisory Committees (ELACs) and African American parent affinity groups at the site level to help develop shared decision-making

- **Support the work of the School Planning Portfolio Committee** to ensure the current portfolio of the district's under-enrolled, under-requested schools\* continue to have opportunities to develop their profile and explore how increased enrollment in these schools might address some of the challenges associated with SFUSD's student assignment and transportation systems.
- **Strengthen Family Engagement** across the district, including supporting the implementation of the Family Academy, family engagement standards and use of the family engagement toolkits and rubrics.
- **Strengthen Special Education Services** to be more inclusive in practice, including advocating for family input in the process to identify a new department leader for Special Education Services.
- **Support the implementation of the preK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade** alignment to strengthen early learning outcomes for all students.
- **Continue our work with the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**, actively participate on the LCAP Task Force, support community engagement and a systemic approach to incorporating community engagement at the school site level.

### **Developing Action Plans**

PAC members will begin developing project plans at our next PAC meeting on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will develop specific goals and identify actions to support the work of the PAC's priority areas, including our collaboration with the AAPAC and DELAC. Project goals will be reviewed and approved by the entire council.

### **Enrollment Fair**

The Parent Advisory Council will host a table at the upcoming SFUSD Enrollment Fair this Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at John O'Connell High School. Please stop by to learn more about the PAC, the work we do and how you can get involved.

\*Bret Harte, Carver, Drew, Malcolm X Academy Elementary Schools, Willie Brown Middle School, & Thurgood Marshall High School and Dr. William Cobb and John Muir Elementary Schools

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