



# San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

## Who We Are and What We Do

### The Parent Advisory Council . . .

- Has up to 18 members, who are parents and guardians of public school students from communities across San Francisco. PAC members represent many ethnicities, cultures, languages, neighborhoods and schools of our district's student body.
- Is made up of parent volunteers appointed by the Board of Education to serve a two-year term. Terms are staggered so about half of the PAC's members change each year.
- Reaches out to hear first-hand from families about education issues, through events at schools and community centers.
- Meets regularly with Board of Education commissioners and SFUSD staff, to represent parent perspectives and make recommendations about reaching the district's goals of student achievement, equitable access to opportunity, and accountability.

### The PAC's Goals for 2012-2013

The PAC's mission is to engage families to help shape education policy, and represent parent voices in the district's decision-making process. The PAC is committed to helping close our district's gaps in achievement and opportunity, and supports the SFUSD's strategic goals.

This year the PAC is working to:

- Monitor and support implementation of the district's **Family Engagement Plan**, including mechanisms for school-site and district accountability.
- Promote parent and community engagement in the **Superintendent's Zone initiatives** in the Bayview, Mission, Western Addition and Bernal Heights communities.
- Ensuring students are supported and prepared to meet **A-G high school graduation requirements**, and are ready for college and career.
- Monitor **implementation of the Lau Plan**, and support systems to effectively serve students who are English Language Learners.
- Engage families and strengthen implementation of **Restorative Practices to improve school climate and reduce student suspensions**.
- Present recommendations for **expanding access to high-quality afterschool programs**, and effectively aligning the SFUSD-managed afterschool programs.