



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 2011-2012

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 overall goals.

This year the PAC is working to:

- Advocate for initiatives to ensure quality schools in every community, with stronger support and accountability for educators, and higher expectations for *all* our students.
- Engage families to understand and strengthen the district's implementation of Restorative Practices to improve school climate and avoid student suspensions.
- Present recommendations for expanding access to high-quality afterschool programs, and effectively aligning the SFUSD-managed afterschool programs.
- Support efforts to improve how the district provides Special Education services.
- Monitor and support implementation of the district's Family Engagement Plan.
- Actively participate in the community-based Parent Engagement Coalition and the city-wide Afterschool For All Advisory Council.
- Promote parent engagement in the "Superintendent's Zone" initiatives in the Bayview, Mission, Western Addition and Bernal Heights communities.