



# San Francisco Board of Education Parent Advisory Council

## The Parent Advisory Council . . .

- Has up to 18 members, who are parents and guardians of public school students from diverse communities across San Francisco. PAC members represent many cultures, languages, ethnicities and neighborhoods of the district's student body.
- Is appointed by the Board of Education to serve a two-year term, beginning each summer. Terms are staggered so that about half of its members transition every year.
- Reaches out to hear from families about education issues, through events at schools and community centers.
- Meets with the Board of Education commissioners and school district staff to represent parent perspectives and recommendations for supporting student achievement.

## The PAC's Goals for 2009-2010

The PAC's goals and objectives for each school year are grounded in our primary mission: to engage parents in shaping education policy, and represent parent voices to inform district decisions. They are driven by the PAC's commitment to lead and support efforts to close the gaps in achievement and opportunity. These goals are aligned with the priorities in the SFUSD's strategic plan, and with policy initiatives we know the district is addressing this year.

The PAC's objectives this fall are to:

1. Engage parents/families, youth, educators and community members in the process to redesign the student assignment system.
2. Actively support developing the district's Parent Engagement and Partnership Plan.
3. Develop and present recommendations for expanding access to high-quality afterschool programs across the district.
4. Present reports at all regular Board of Education meetings; and meet with individual Board commissioners, SFUSD staff and other district leaders, to represent parent perspectives on district policy issues.
5. Actively participate in the Parent Involvement Coalition, the San Francisco Coalition to Close the Achievement Gap, and the Afterschool For All Advisory Council.
6. Maintain, sustain and grow the PAC, by continuing to recruit new members; raise funds to cover our operating expenses; and support PAC members to feel informed, empowered, and effective in our work.