



San Francisco Board of Education
Parent Advisory Council

Report to the Board of Education

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This report describes the PAC's plans for working on projects other than the student assignment system. The PAC's mission is to represent parent voices in Board of Education policy discussions, and we set our priorities and goals based on several factors:

- The opportunity to ensure parent voices are included in issues already before the Board, and that address strategic priorities: closing the gaps in achievement and opportunity for all students, and empowering parents to be engaged in their children's education
- The need to represent parent concerns and bring to the Board issues that are important to parents – especially the perspectives of families whose children are the most negatively impacted by the district's achievement gap
- Whether other parent or community organizations are engaging parents in the issue (in order to build community partnerships and avoid duplication of efforts)
- The PAC's capacity to carry out a project, based on the time and resources required.

Over the past four years we have led several major community outreach campaigns, and in the process the PAC has heard directly from over 1,300 parents and community members who reflected the rich diversity of the SFUSD's student and family population. Through this outreach we identified several major areas of concern to families, which are guiding the PAC in setting priorities for our work over the rest of this school year. These priorities include:

- Helping develop the district's Parent Engagement Plan, to support parent empowerment and district accountability
- Leading community engagement to inform the district's budget process, including support for the School Site Council Summit on February 20
- Advocating for initiatives that support student achievement through clear teacher and principal standards, professional development, and accountability.

Given the incredible amount of time, effort and resources the PAC is dedicating to the student assignment redesign, we are still in the process of setting specific goals for these projects.

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. You can also visit us at www.pacsf.org