# **Education Committee**

Joint San Francisco Youth Commission & Student Advisory Council committee May 6, 2013

#### Who we are

# Joint YC & SAC Education Committee

- Brian Chu, D4 Youth Commissioner
- Rachel Brodwin, D8 Youth Commissioner
- Ariel Yu, Mayoral Appointee, Youth Commissioner
- Kristen Sinclair, Student Advisory Council rep
- Carmen Chan, Student Advisory Council rep

# We are interested in Education Issues!

#### SF Youth Commission

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Advises the Mayor and Board of Supervisors

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**Student Advisory** 

Council

Advises the Board of Education





#### San Francisco's Youth and Children

#### **Overview of our work**

- Researched Achievement Gap data
- Participated in community meetings around Education Justice issues
- Supported Supervisor Kim's budget supplemental to increase credit recovery options for SFUSD students not on track to graduate (passed at the BOS in Jan 2013)
- Spoke at a press conference about the budget supplemental in Nov 2012



### Continued...

- Highlighted the achievement gap issue in SF and spoke about the need to support off-track students to Supervisors and BOE members
- Public comment at:
  - City & School District's
     Select Committee
  - Board of Education



## Continued...

 Wrote a joint resolution urging for the evaluation of the quality and accessibility of credit recovery programs and need for youth input in evaluation



- Youth Commission adopted the resolution in Jan 2013 (Commissioners Chu, Brodwin, Yu)
- Student Advisory Council approved the resolution in Feb 2013 (SAC reps Sinclair and Chan)
- SFUSD Board of Education adopted the resolution in Mar 2013 (BOE Commissioner Sandra Lee Fewer and SAC Student Delegates Windy Ly and Megan Wong)

#### Other ongoing work...

- Researching Special Education at SFUSD and the development of inclusion programs at SFUSD high schools - Commissioner Yu
  - Expanding youth leadership in special education
- Commissioner Brodwin led a "Redefining Education Conference" open to private and public schools at LWHS in Nov 2012

### Background



#### • What are A-G requirements?

- Courses required to be eligible for acceptance into UCs and CSUs
- BOE approved the new graduation standards in 2009 so that students who graduated high school earning a C or better in A-G requirements would be eligible for UCs and CSUs. Requirements were implemented in 2010

#### • Class of 2014

- In Fall 2012, SFUSD data showed that 45% of high school juniors were missing one or more requirements (showing only 2,216 out of 4,024 current juniors on track to graduate)
- Data also showed that a large proportion of African American, Latino students, and English language learners were not on track

#### Background continued...

#### • Credit recovery programs

- classes and programs to make up school credits
- Committee members participated in:
  - community meetings with different organizations and stakeholders
  - meetings with Supervisors and BOE members
  - public meetings
- Clear need to expand credit recovery options.



#### Budget supplemental

- Introduced in November 2012 by Supervisor Kim to increase credit recovery programming for SFUSD students
- \$1.4 million was approved by BOS in January 2013
- Supplemental was to expand credit recovery programming for Spring semester and Summer 2013
- Targeting students who are off track

### Our Next Steps

- Follow up on credit recovery programming
- Work closely with the SAC to ensure that needs of off track students are met
- Help with the evaluation of credit recovery options
- Ensure that youth input and feedback are included in evaluation
- Connect with other CBOs who are involved in the process.
- Make graduation the top priority of SFUSD
- Hear an update from SFUSD (at 5/6 mtng!)

#### Now an update from SFUSD...

#### Welcome

Dr. Janet Schulze, Assistant Superintendent for High Schools, SFUSD & Bill Sanderson, Curriculum and Instruction, SFUSD
"An update on credit recovery programming at SFUSD, credit recovery options in summer 2013, and evaluation of credit

recovery with youth input"