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Student Directors' Report

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On December 18th, 2012 we had our 4th All City Council general Middle School meeting at West Oakland Middle School. Among the attendees were Westlake, Bret Harte, Frick, and West Oakland Middle School.

Delegates from Bret Harte Middle School report that some of the improvements in their school were less bullying. These improvements were due to conversations with students who had been bullied in the past. Two remaining concerns include unsanitary bathrooms and the school lunches. The custodian has taken care of the bathrooms and the students have spoken to the lunch providers. An upcoming event is the Valentine's Dance. The students have begun planning their action project which will be to organize and plan an assembly/rally/play to address the issue of bullying.

Delegates from West Oakland Middle School report that some of the improvements in their school are improved uniform policy and less fighting. These improvements are all due to the implementation of having different uniform options. Some remaining concerns are rats in the school. No steps have been taken to address this action. Two upcoming events are 5th grade Play Day and Award Ceremony. The students have begun planning their action project which will be *Phoenix Rising Day* to help increase school size and enrollment and will also incorporate a tour of the school campus to new and future students.

Delegates from Westlake Middle School report that some of the improvements in their school are the apprenticeship show and discovery night remix. These improvements were due to the Spark Program and through the planning from the leadership teacher, Mr. Bell. Some remaining concerns are the dress code and Friday night school. The school has doing ongoing promotion of the Westlake Way. The students are trying to help out and push the Westlake Way. The administration provides incentives for everyone who follows the dress code. Upcoming events include a school dance and Winter Concert. The students have begun planning their action project which will focus on building diversity and relationships.

Delegates from Frick Middle School report that some of the improvements are the full implementation of a leadership class. Student representatives from each class were elected and the students meet weekly. The Meaningful Student Engagement curriculum is fully intergraded in the leadership class. No concerns were identified. The students have begun planning their action project which will address the issue of bullying by creating a more positive school climate.

On December 20th, 2012 we had our 4th All City Council general High School meeting at McClymonds High School. Among the attendees were Life Academy, Fremont, McClymonds, Ralf J. Bunche, CCPA, and Skyline.

Delegates from CCPA report that some of the improvements in their school are uniforms, improved grades, lower classmen and upper classmen are getting along better. One remaining concern is the cafeteria food. Student leadership is currently working on better lunches and more activities for students. An upcoming event is Martin Luther King Jr. event.

Delegates from Skyline report that some concerns are teachers, administration, confronting violence, and gang activity. There is no principle at the school so no actions have been taken to address this issue. Student leaders at the One Land One People Center are currently working on improving their campaign skills and getting ready to launch their campaign in January. An upcoming event is First Friday and Lunching Campaigns.

Delegates from Bunche report that some concerns are competent teachers and cafeteria food. No actions have been taken to address the identified issues. Student leaders are currently working on decorating the school and fundraising. There are no upcoming events.

Delegates from McClymonds report that some of the improvements in their school are the heater working and a lot of events for students to participate in. A remaining concern is the cafeteria food. An adult is helping the students to

address the issue of improving the cafeteria food. Upcoming events include Winter Ball, home coming, and Alumni Basketball Game.

Delegates from Fremont High report that some of the improvements in their school are decrease in fights due to longer lunch. Some remaining concerns include lights at night and more support for junior and seniors. Student leaders are currently working on a talent show and rallies. There are no upcoming events.

Delegates from Life Academy report that some of the improvements in their school are AP classes, medical based classes for juniors and sophomores, sports, and connection with larger organizations for internships. Student leaders are currently working on Season of Peace building and plans for next year. Upcoming events include Season of Peace Building and Love and Peace Festival.

Our upcoming events are:

- ACC Middle School Meeting, Tuesday, January 15th, 10am-12pm, at Frick MS
- ACC High School Meeting, Thursday, January 17th, 1pm-3pm, at Fremont HS
- Meaningful Student Engagement Retreat, Friday, January 4th – Sunday, January 6th, at Nature Bridge