## East Bay College Access Network

## Focus on Financial Aid

PRESENTATION TO THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FEBRUARY 6, 2013

## Our Goal: Universal Financial Aid Completion

- Every OUSD senior at Castlemont, Fremont, McClymonds and Oakland High Schools will complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the California Dream Act Application- March $2^{\text {nd }}$ Deadline
- Access to resources shapes perceptions of what's possible
- \$\$\$ critical for low-income students and their persistence success


## East Bay CAN

Established Nov 2011, Supported by the College Access Foundation of California

## 2012 FOUNDING MEMBERS

- Centro Legal de La Raza
- East Bay Consortium
- East Oakland Youth Development Center
- Marcus Foster Education Fund


## 2013 NEW MEMBERS

- Alternatives in Action
- East Bay Asian Youth Center
- Oakland Unified School District
- Peralta Community College District


## Data \& Relationships

- Cal Grant GPA UploadEBC and C\&CRO
- Match FAFSA and Cal Grant Data and follow up
- Pell Grant, Cal Grant Award and BOG waiver uptake
- Working within the culture of each school
- Use of incentives and competition for Cash for College Attendance and FAFSA Completion
- Collaboratively created curriculum to both promote and support universal financial aid completion


## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## 2012

- Focus on Castlemont, Fremont, McClymonds and Oakland High Schools
- Informal network-no curriculum
- Cal Grant GPA Upload in winter 2012
- Informal follow-up on mismatches


## 2013

- Focus on Castlemont, Fremont, McClymonds and Oakland High Schools
- Formalized curriculum targeting students, parents, school sites and the District entitled the Four


## Phases of Financial Aid ©

- Cal Grant GPA Upload in fall 2012
- Establishing formalized schoolbased and district systems to ensure completion and maximize awards
- Creating a campaign for spring 2013 to launch in preparation for the 2013-14 academic year


## The Four Phases of Financial Aid



## Needed Support

- Call to Action for all students to complete the FAFSA or the CDAA before the March $2^{\text {nd }}$ deadline.
- Participate in/Support one of the remaining Cash for College Events
- OUSD Participation in the DOE FAFSA Pilot Project application coming soon


## Report Backs

- Mid-March on completion and match data
- September Cal-Grant Uptake Data for 2013 graduates
- Launch 2014 Financial Aid Campaign with Board of Education Support.


## Questions???

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

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