

## Student Director Report 10/7/09

### ■ UPDATES—

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL

The middle schools from the September 15<sup>th</sup> ACC middle school student leadership retreat reported a number of improvements in their schools, as well as a number of necessary items to be worked on. Some of the improvements were things like better lockers, toilets, rooms, etc. Some of the problems were things like which bathrooms are for students use (at Melrose), students at Edna Brewer are concerned about the lunch and their bathrooms, at Montera the students are worried about a missing teacher and fights on campus. Explore has concerns about their uniforms, and Westlake has a HUGE concern about stereotyping at their school.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

The delegates at the September 24<sup>th</sup> ACC high school meeting reported improvements on their campuses since last year, like more engaging curriculum, classes, food, and thermostat at Sojourner Truth, murals and teacher involvement at YES, the leadership class at Bunche, and more engaging classes Metwest. Some remaining concerns are, for one, the construction and renovation process at Oakland High, which is impeding students from learning, and is dangerous, as well as unclean bathrooms. At YES students are concerned about how we got our new Principal. We were involved in interviewing 3 candidates, but none of those were selected. Honestly, we feel like this was a fake process. And, it is no surprise now, that this undemocratically selected principal has raised a lot of concerns with students, and is really dismantling the positive school culture set by our prior principal.

### ■ UPCOMING EVENTS—

#### HIGH SCHOOLS

Silent Auction, Back to School Rally, and Homecoming at Skyline

Spirit Week and Delegate Assembly at O High

Spirit Week at YES

#### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Spirit Week at Edna Brewer

Halloween Dance, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Camping Trip, and an Ice Cream Social at Melrose

Spirit Week at Montera

Newspaper, Yearbook, and School Council Vote at Explore

Bake Sale, Back to School BBQ, and Spirit Week at Westlake

■ Focus Groups –

We have conducted 5 focus groups so far, on the Fremont and Castlemont campuses. We have gathered a lot of really helpful information, students have really seemed to enjoy them, and we look forward to presenting the findings to you in November.