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## April 22, 2015

## **Student Board Members' Report**

Carmen Jimenez and Katebah Al-Olefi, Student Directors

Good Evening Students, Community, School Board Members, and Superintendent,

We would like to update you on two events we had this past week and some opportunities for students coming up:

On Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, All City Council had the Annual College Visit for middle school delegates. This year 44 students from Sankofa TK-7 and Westlake Middle School took part in the college visit to Sonoma State University. All City Council (ACC) Delegates were able to explore the campus, got to see the Business Building, and the freshman dorm area. There was also an opportunity to ask questions around college life to a panel of college students. This was a wonderful experience for many of the middle school students as it was chance for them to start thinking about college and become excited towards their future. We would like to thank the students who came, their leadership teachers, and the Oakland Alums who helped us put this opportunity on.

On Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, ACC and Da Town Researchers had the chance to sit down with the Oakland Mayor, Libby Schaaf. This was a part of her 100 Day Initiative, where she met with 100 students from across Oakland. During the circle with the Mayor we were able to ask questions about her visions and goals for Oakland and we were also able to share our own visions and goals for Oakland. We expressed our concerns around gentrification, police brutality, and the lack of support for student voice on a District and City level. We expressed some solutions, but overall we believe that there should be further partnership between youth and the Mayor. We look forward to the development of this partnership and the future collaboration in work with the Mayor. We would like to thank the Restorative Justice Youth Council for facilitating this process.

We would also like to remind you of the Youth Action Summit on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the First Unitarian Church from 9am to 3pm. We will be highlighting student voice campaigns in Oakland and strategizing for next year. Any and all students are welcome to come! If you are

interested, let either of us know or contact your leadership teacher. We will be also holding our Governing Board elections! This includes the Student Directors position! So if you or someone you know is interested, don't forget to come to YAS!

Finally, as we stated before, All City Council had the opportunity to work with the Marcus Foster Scholarship to design the scholarship! We will have an opportunity to see the candidates at YAS!

Moving forward, All City Council will be holding our Middle School meeting April 21st.

Thank you.