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All City Council Student Union's Student Directors' Report
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Good evening board members, Superintendent, students, families and community,

The All City Council Student Union Governing Board is excited to share with you all what we have been up to and what we are planning in the next couple of weeks:

This past summer, 5 of our newly elected Governing Board for All City Council participated in the annual summer on-boarding process. This 30 hours training was focused on everything needed to set ourselves up for success within the new school year and in our new role as ACC elected student representatives. Through the process we were able to work on getting to know each other more and building as a team and as a governing board. We were able to reflect on our skills, strengths, limitations, and areas of growth and how this applies to working in a team. We were able to understand our individual role and collective role as ACC and what it means to be a representative leader. We were to explore who we are as leaders and how we want to grow this year. And of course have fun! Through this process we also gained a lot of knowledge and many skills that will help us in our leadership roles this year; including group communication, creating community values, holding a restorative justice community building circle, representative leadership, ousd student data access, how to lead group ice breakers, energizers, and team builders, and the power of storytelling. It was fun and just what we needed to kick off the school year ready to keep putting students first. Some of our highlights included getting to meet and get trained by some of ACC's alumni and getting to meet and build with some of the staff in the Office of Equity and our Restorative Justice department.

We also had the opportunity to meet up with all OUSD principals at the All Administrators Leadership Institute to discuss how to help student learning and student engagement to be more successful in our schools. Our 2019-2020 All City Council Governing Board opened up the 3 day institute by sharing our own personal stories and ideas on how principals can partner with students to improve the quality of our schools and education. We also talked about the role of teachers, mentors, and structures that supported in us to overcome the challenges we face as students and see the value of education. These are some inspiring words our beloved Culture and Climate Keeper Ana

Paula Mendez had to say; “My ask for you, our school leaders is to remember the importance of being personally aware of the different walks of life each student has. To never take their struggles with a grain of salt. Creating student leaders in your own school communities who are personally telling you what they need. Hiring teachers and staff who look like us and come from similar backgrounds as us can help us see that you want to support and understand us. Partnering with us, your ACC elected student representatives, and supporting your own students as well and meeting with them regularly to hear and acknowledge their concerns and also their ideas and solutions to the challenges that take place in our schools. This is what being there for your students looks like. This is how you build conditions for student learning, you need to get to know us to be able to build with us.” And this was so necessary to say because we as a community need to be supporting the youth voice because at the end of the day the youth are the ones actually in these conditions, and in these schools.

This inspired a lot of Principals to want to learn more and get connected with ACC. We want to shout out the principals from the following schools who signed our ACC Pledge for how to support student engagement in their schools this year - Roosevelt Middle School, Fremont High School, CCPA, Oakland High, McClymonds, MetWest, and Skyline. We will be supporting them this year with strengthening student engagement at their schools.

Special shout out to the principal at Montclair Elementary School, Mrs. Barloga, who invited us to be part of their teacher professional development to kick off the school year. She was inspired to bring the challenge to our elementary school staff to implement student partnership ideas into students way of learning. This can impact students’ engagement to improve the way teachers and students present themselves in class. Although, ACC doesn’t work with Elementary schools we are planning to work on a video project that explains more about who we are and what we stand for to help them get informed about us and get connected with us. One of our visions is to have us go back to our elementary schools to present the video and talk about the importance of student leadership to hopefully inspire them at a younger age.



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Now, 3 weeks into the school year, our ACC Governing Board has already begun to do some of the ground work in our schools. As a governing board we participated in the LCAP PSAC Outreach Training this past week. The intention of the space was to design an outreach to begin building with our student leaders who are officially part of/or interested in SSC (school site council) and LCAP. As ACC, this is part of our effort to bring more voices from all the schools. If every HS student must have an SSC member by law, we want to get to know who they are, invite them to our meetings and trainings, and also provide support and training on being an engaged SSC student member.

We are excited to have our ACC LCAP Student Budget Directors, Natalie and Benjamin from Oakland Tech, leading this work and our entire ACC governing board ready to start connecting with principals and school sites around this. We also learned that the deadline for all schools to have their SSC team establish is September 30th. We have many trainings on SSC Establishment before then and we want to encourage people who want to learn more about the process to come out. One of the SSC Summits was yesterday August 27th at Frick, the other one will take place on September 26th and we can get you the details later. Although ACC is not leading the planning for these summits, students are welcomed and we do believe families and community should know more about school site decisions around budget. These trainings are also a great way to prepare students and parents on how to participate in the Parent and Student Advisory Committee for LCAP, which is at the district level. ACC will also be partnering with Californians' For Justice, Youth Together, and our School Governance team to host a separate training just for students SSC members and interested students. We are working out the details and can update you on that at the upcoming school board meetings.

If you are a student listening to this, you might be wondering what is an SSC and why is it important to have students on it? SSC stands for School Site Council, it is a group of elected or appointed individuals - including parents, students, staff, teachers who have a say on where they think funds should go at their school. We personally still need to learn more about SSC's, that is why we are supporting trainings, but we think its important to have students on it because students are within those schools and we knowing what's going on and should be given the power to express where funds should go. We will be reaching out to principals to connect us with the SSC student members from their schools so we can connect them to the upcoming trainings.



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Lastly, we are excited to announce our All City Council Youth Organizing Overnight Retreat that will be happening on Sept 6th - Sept 7th. We will be focusing on Meaningful Student Engagement and what that truly means and students will decide on the direction for the year. We will also be holding elections for the remaining positions on ACC's Governing Board. We, as Student Directors, acknowledge that this role is critical for the continued institutionalization of student voice in OUSD. These are the few All City Council Student Union vacant positions available - Secretary, Historian, Health and Wellness Director. All the registration information can be found on our IG page at AllCityCouncilOUSD. We are also excited to announce our Kick Off All City Council Student Union meeting for Middle School student leaders! Tuesday, September 17th, 12:00-3pm, at Elmhurst Community Prep. We would like to invite 3-4 student leaders from each of our middle schools along with their school sites' leadership teacher or student engagement staff to accompany the students. Please RSVP by September 11th. Look out for a flyer on our social media pages with more information, topics, and a registration link. What to expect? Get to know other middle school student leaders from other school sites, team building, and food will be provided (please register).

For flyers, permission slips or more information on any of the announcements above please contact All City Council Student Union via instagram @allcitycouncilousd. Or email me at Mica.Smith-Dahl@ousd.org and Denilson.Garibo@ousd.org or our meaningful student engagement staff, Aurora Lopez at Aurora.Lopez@ousd.org

Thank you.