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Acknowledgement and Comment about Sep 28th Board Meeting

I want to thank our Superintendent for coming and taking the time to talk to students in a way they can understand about the Restructuring. We will do our best to support and communicate to other students the financial situation of our district and how we need to work with what we have to create the best possible schools and school experience for ALL students. I also want to thank Mr. David Montes for coming with so much energy and doing a great workshop on the need for restructuring.

The last Board meeting was hard for me to sit through and understand the complicated issue about restructuring and school closure. I understand that we started this school year with about \$40 million LESS from the State to operate the same number of schools we've had. I want to pause and have us all think about what that means.

I've heard we have more combined grade classes, less supervision on playgrounds during recess, less custodians, and overall less support for all of our kids. It's not about this school against that school, and with \$40 million less, we can't keep all schools open. So what would you do? It's about coming together as a whole community for ALL of our students. This is serious and emotional. Me being up here, coming from a school that closed, I am feeling like we need to take all the anger and energy and take it to the State. And, well because of the last meeting I decided to change my senior thesis project to restructuring and the real problem behind school closures. The audience really got me passionate about this issue.

All City Council Middle School

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 18th at Frick, 10am - noon

ACC High School delegate's reports

Delegates submitted the following school reports:

- Bunche delegates reported that they are getting elections started. Their remaining concerns are
 the equipment (did not specify what equipment), bathroom, and cafeteria. They are working
 with their school staff to resolve the problems.
- MetWest delegates reported that improvements are the community- it feels better than last year. Their plans for student leadership are senior committee. The remaining concerns they have are not having bells, and the lack of materials. Students have not brought these issues up with staff or their principal. Their up coming events are Friday Town Halls.
- Oakland High student representatives are happy their new building is complete, the new health clinic is open, the have new Spanish and Cantonese teachers, and new basketball courts. For their student leadership and student elections they are currently in progress of organizing homecoming, spirit week, and rally, and in progress of electing freshmen class officers. Their remaining concerns are cutbacks of a lot of their teacher's, class room size, students not able to take foreign language classes, attendance after lunch period, and cutting of the foreign language department. The school has not tried to resolve any of these issues as far as students know. Their upcoming events are Club Faire on 9/21/11, Back to School Night 9/20/11, Delegate Assembly 9/29/11, and building name dedication 9/24/11.
- Fremont delegates reported that they have a leadership class during the day for all the three schools to be involved! For their student leaderships class they are planning an election in the spring and they are coming together to plan leadership activities for all of Fremont students.
 One of their concerns is making school dances possible. Their upcoming event is First Friday on 10/14/11, where they will have internship, jobs, college and financial aid information.

Our next ACC meeting is October 20th at Castlemont High school