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Student Directors' Report

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Good evening students, families, and community members. We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

We want to begin our report by outlining the discussions we had at our December middle school and high school meetings. We would like to thank Frick, Sankofa, Westlake, and Roots for being present at our middle school meeting. We would also like to thank Metwest, McClymonds, Dewey, Castlemont, Sojourner Truth, and Bunche for attending our high school meeting. As All City Council (ACC), we believe that it was important to talk about recent events in Ferguson, New York and across the nation with police brutality and the criminalization of black and brown people in this country. We heard from our middle and high school peers about what we can do as ACC and as a district to bring those conversations to life. We will be compiling their responses and making proposals in the near future. At the middle school meeting, we also went over their action projects and did a data analysis training. We are excited to see what action projects the middle schools decide on. At the high school meeting, we had a Student Know Your Rights training, as detailed in the California Education Code, and the Ombudsperson, Gabriel Valenzuela, came and taught us more about OUSD policy and the process to file a complaint. We will be distributing the Student Rights Handbooks to the leadership classes soon. We also have extra complaint forms and the PowerPoint he used. If you are interested in receiving the Student Rights Handbook or complaint forms, please let us know.

All City Council has also been busy at work planning for this spring semester on how the Governing Board and delegates can continue their work for the Making A-G real campaign. We had a winter retreat during break to coordinate how we can solve the issues that our delegates are facing with the campaign at their school sites such as the lack of support from administration. Additionally, we have begun to plan in advance all the remaining events in the year including finalizing details for our upcoming middle school peer resource & ethnic studies conference, January 27th, our last two high school meetings in January and March and our annual Youth Action Summit in April! All events are open to our peers. If you are interested in attending them, contact the Meaningful Student Engagement office or your leadership teacher.

We are also getting ready to continue our follow up on the supporters from Grad Nation. If you need a refresher on November 8, 2014 All City Council and other MSE groups came together attended and supported the Grad Nation event at Laney College focused on increasing graduation rates. The All City Governing board members and other MSE groups had representatives sit on the panel in the beginning of the event and host table discussions in the afternoon. Additionally, the students were able to collect pledges of support from the adults on how they can support the campaign/ students in the district to become successful in their education. We want hold community members, CBO, and OUSD staff accountable to their pledges. We will be contacting those who attended Grad Nation in the near future about next steps.

Later on the leaders had the opportunity to sit down with educators, school board members and community members to explain to them what the All City Council campaign " Making A-G Real " is about and why it was important. Additionally the students were able to collect pledges of support from the adults how they can support the campaign/ students in the district to become successful in their education.

Finally, As Student Directors we wanted to thank the Board for allowing us to join them for the city mayor inaugural ceremony at City Hall. We really enjoyed it and we would like to welcome the new board members who have joined us.

Our next high school meeting is at Oakland High on January 15th from 1-4pm.

Thank you.