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Student Directors' Report

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

The All City Council Student 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:

- 1. All City Council attended a policy forum hosted by the Oakland Youth Commission, advisors to City council. There was various youth organizations present including African-America Male Unified School District), BAY Achievement (Oakland Peace(Peace In Action), Justice, Da Town Researchers, East Bay Black Organizing Project, Californians for Youth Center, Oakland Youth Commission, Project WHAT, PUEBLO, Youth Asian Target), and Youth Alive (Teens Uprising. The intention on was for youth to recommend viable solutions to end police brutality in Oakland and get student voices in OPD processes. ACC put forth 4 recommendations of which 2 were voted forstudents on hiring committee and Student led trainings.
- 2. On February 17th we held our monthly middle school meeting at West Lake Middle School. During this meeting the middle school delegates were able to present and finalize their plan for their action project. They were able to present their action project to each other and gain insight and feedback from one another. Our middle school youth are doing amazing work to change their schools. They reminded us that every young person has the capacity to be agents of change, if there are adults who are willing to listen and work beside them. During this time the delegates also got to learn a piece of ethnic studies in honor of Black History Month.
- 3. We have also partnered with OUSD Health and Wellness department. ACC was able to give feedback and ideas around a new app for Oakland Teens around health services and centers. The app shows students where their nearest health service is based on a wide range of needs. We encourage students and families to download the app. The release date is to be determined for later this spring. 9th graders will also have the opportunity to receive a cool pop up flyer. Stay tuned for more information.
- 4. On February 24th and 25th, All City Council was able to attend the California Association of Student Council's Student Advisory Board on Legislation In Education Conference in Sacramento, CA. ACC was able to meet with students all across California and was also able to collaborate together to create and propose recommendations for the state legislatures. The

recommendations targeted five topics within education like technology, common core, and API. The legislations was presented to the state Board of Education and will continue to be pushed by CASC.

- 5. Right after SABLE, ACC attended WE Day in San Jose, CA. ACC took delegates from all the different high schools and middle school, including but not limited to Rudsdale, Westlake, Elmhurst, Life Academy, Oakland International High et al. This was a celebration of student power and voice, and a reward for all the hard work we do in Oakland. We were able to meet new people and students across California too. Over 16,000 students across California participated in the event. It was a fun and exciting experience.
- 6. We would like to thank the Chief Academic Officer Devin Dillon for attending our All City Council Governing Board meeting. We discussed our campaign and how student voice can be centered in teaching and learning.

Finally, we are excited for our upcoming engagements. Our Middle School college visit is coming up March 24th. We will be taking about 80 youth to Sonoma State to see first-hand how much college can be a reality for them. Our High School meeting will be March 19 at Bunche. All students and schools are invited! Finally our youth Action Summit is April 30th at the First Unitarian Church here in Oakland. Mark your calendars. This year has been difficult, and in some cases traumatic, but through it all we have seen amazing student organizing. We want to highlight our accomplishments and plan for next year. We invite all youth to come and participate! More details about our Youth Action Summit at our next Board Meeting.

Thank you.