

Parent Summit Workshop Description

- 1) **How Parent Voices Can Impact School Funding** *This workshop is geared at any parent interested in understanding the full impact of the proposed budget cuts to education in San Francisco schools, and in the State of California. The workshop will provide useful, up-to-date information that will enable parents to support advocacy efforts. The training will be held in English and there will be translation into Spanish and Cantonese. There will be two sessions, one at 10:30 a.m. and the second one at 11:30 a.m.*
- 2) **How to make the best out of the California Educational System:** *This session is geared at Spanish-speaking parents who have children who are recent arrivals to the San Francisco Unified School District. Through the sharing of personal experiences, and through up to date monitoring of changes taking place within the enrollment system, this workshop aims to provide parents with the tools to advocate for services and resources on behalf of their children. The training will be held in Spanish, it lasts two hours, and will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will end at 12:30 p.m.*
- 3) **Passport to your Future: visualizing your college dream from Middle School onward!** *We talk about college all the time, but how will you get there? This session will answer many of your questions, such as what is true and what is a lie about college, what classes you need to take prior to High School and in High School, and how to choose your dream college. The session is aimed at providing information to youth and parents enrolled in grades 6th to 10th. The session is interactive, and there will be two sessions, one at 10:30 a.m. and the second one at 11:30 a.m. In English mostly, with opportunities to interact in Spanish.*
- 4) **How to start the difficult conversation around sexuality and teen pregnancy prevention** *This workshop is aimed at Spanish-speaking parents and their children (ages 12 and onward). Through fun and interactive activities, participants will address issues and topics such as self-esteem, how to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, and how to avoid risky behavior. The session lasts two hours, and will be delivered in Spanish only, from 9:30 through 11:30 a.m.*
- 5) **Leadership is in your hands: every parent is a leader.** *This session is aimed at Spanish-speaking parents who want to learn more about the importance of developing leadership skills in their schools, so that they can advocate on behalf of their children from kindergarten until they graduate High School. Through interactive activities and a glance at what leadership looks like on a daily basis, parents will walk away with a higher level of confidence and lots of tools to have presence and impact at their school sites. This session is 2 hours long, and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m..*
- 6) **Financial aid resources and financial planning to pay for a college education** *This presentation is designed to provide parents with vital information about scholarships, federal financial aid, and other resources available so that sending their children to college does not become a financial burden. Topics to be covered include: deadlines for different scholarships and financial aid applications, student loans, and other financial literacy tips. The presentation will be held in English, with Spanish and Cantonese translation, at 10:30 a.m.*
- 7) **Intergenerational ELAC Presentation** *This presentation is aimed at Spanish-speaking parents who want to obtain more information about the English Learner Advisory Committee or ELAC. Parents will learn about the critical role this group plays in school governance, especially, as school sites will be defining priorities in the face of major budget cuts this and next year. The presentation will be held in Spanish twice: at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:30 a.m. the second time around.*
- 8) **Communication as a means to Family Reunification** *This extremely educational session will be devoted to provide Spanish-speaking parents with children in Middle and High Schools who are recent arrivals to the country, after a long period of separation. The conversation will*



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- discuss strategies that parents can test to establish a strong relationship with their children based on trust, and mutual respect. The session will be held in Spanish only, one session will be held at 9:30 a.m., and the second one at 11:30 a.m. Each session will be an hour long.*
- 9) Developing a vibrant college vision for students K-5** *This presentation is geared at parents, students, teachers, and after school workers who want to obtain concrete ideas and examples of how to successfully infuse a college-going culture at their sites. After school educators at Marshall E.S. will discuss easy, sustainable, and fun activities that instill –in children ages K-5- the dream to attend and finish college. The presentation will be held in English only at two different times, the first one at 10:30 a.m., and the second one at 11:30 a.m.*
- 10) Legal aid for immigrant families** *This training is aimed at Spanish-speaking parents who want to be up to date on immigration laws. Parents will hear about their rights as citizens of a Sanctuary City, like San Francisco, and how to advocate for themselves in moments of crisis. The presentation will be held in Spanish only, and twice. The first session will take place at 9:30 a.m., and the second one at 10:30 a.m.*
- 11) Identifying services provided by your School's Student Support Team** *This session aims to provide parents from any school grades K-5 the type of resources available within the school, the District, and the State so that academic, emotional, and especial needs can be properly addressed. The session will also explore what resources parents can tap into outside of the school site through referrals, and who will be responsible for these services next year, in the face of budget cuts which affect personnel. The training will be imparted in English only, with translation into Spanish & Cantonese, at 9:30 a.m.*
- 12) Panel discussion: Steps and resources available to make the college-going dream a reality** *Through a lively presentation of anecdotes, testimonials, and a series of questions and answers, parents and students who have participated –or are currently participating- in Mission Graduates College Connect Programs will discuss strategies to ensure that the college application process yields the desired outcomes. The discussion will take place at 11:30 a.m., in English with translation into Spanish & Cantonese.*
- 13) The importance of Extracurricular activities in the college track** *When a student applies to college, his or her application is reviewed according to a set of academic standards, and by the number of extracurricular activities, which demonstrate that the candidate has leadership skills. Participants will have a unique opportunity to speak with Mr. Velez, an ESL teacher from Mission High, and learn about key activities that may enhance a student's application to their favorite college. The meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. and it will be held in English, with translation into Spanish and Cantonese.*



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