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School Board Elects Officers for 2013
Rachel Norton is Board President

January 9, 2013 (San Francisco) – Last night the San Francisco Board of Education elected its officers for the 2013 year. Commissioner Rachel Norton is now president of the Board of Education and Commissioner Sandra Lee Fewer is vice president.

President Norton is beginning her second four-year term on the Board of Education. She served as vice president in 2012.

“I’m honored and humbled to have the opportunity to lead our Board’s work this year,” Norton said. “Every Commissioner is utterly committed to increasing student achievement and making sure every student in San Francisco has access to educational opportunity. Our challenge will be to stay focused and make sure that our time and energy is spent crafting policies that best support these priorities and keep our promises to students and families.”

About President Rachel Norton
Rachel Norton has served on the Board of Education since January 2009. She has served as a member of the California School Boards Association’s Delegate Assembly since May 2009, and was appointed to the organization’s Legislative Committee in January 2012.

She has also volunteered for the Autism Speaks Bay Area Advocacy Committee, which works to secure health insurance coverage for kids with autism. Norton previously served as co-chair of the Site Council at her daughter’s public elementary school.

Norton has worked at The New York Times, Reuters, and CNET: The Computer Network. She created the Visual Journalism course at U.C. Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism, which she co-taught.
Norton was born and raised in Berkeley, California where she attended public schools. She has a degree in English from Barnard College. Norton has two daughters and lives with her family in the Richmond District.

**About Vice President Sandra Lee Fewer**
Fewer has served on the San Francisco Board of Education since 2009, where she authored resolutions to implement restorative practice approaches to student discipline, institute ethnic studies classes in high schools, create a parent engagement plan, and re-commit to the anti-discrimination of LGBTQ youth.

From 2001-2009 Fewer was the Director of Parent Organizing and Education Policy at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, where she authored the resolution to create a Parent Advisory Council to the Board of Education and helped craft the first Education Equity Platform for San Francisco public schools.

Fewer’s awards include the Champion of Justice award (Chinese for Affirmative Action), Parent Leadership award (Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network), Community Leadership award (Coleman Advocates), and Community Ally award (Harvey Milk Democratic Club). She holds a BA in Justice Administration and an MA in Public Administration.

Fewer is a SFUSD graduate and mother of three SFUSD graduates. She lives in the Richmond District.

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