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San Francisco Board of Education Elects New Officers
Norman Yee is Board President, Rachel Norton is Vice President

January 11, 2012 (San Francisco) - At the first meeting of each year, the San Francisco Board of Education elects its president and vice-president. This year, fellow board members voted for Commissioner Norman Yee as president and Commissioner Rachel Norton as vice-president.

Elected to the Board of Education in 2004, President Yee has dedicated the last 35 years of his life working in the field of education with a focus on early childhood education.

Yee served as the Executive Director for the Wu Yee Children’s Services and as a fellow for the Annie E. Casey Foundation for Children and Family Leadership. He advises a number of educational organizations, including the Parent Services Projects, the California Infant and Toddler Development Learning Guidelines Taskforce, and is co-founder of the San Francisco Child Care Providers Association, of which he is still a member of the Board of Directors.

Yee is currently the representative to the Council of the Great City Schools, a national urban districts organization, and has served as delegate to the California School Boards Association.

He previously served at SF Board of Education president in 2007.

Vice President Norton has served on the Board of Education since January, 2009. She is the parent of two daughters and active as a volunteer in the San Francisco public schools. Norton is an advocate for public education to improve special education as well as services and treatment for children with autism.

In his acceptance speech, President Yee said "I am honored that my colleagues expressed their confidence in me to be the President of the Board of Education during this period of tough budget times for public schools. I will try my best to live up to their expectations."

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