SFUSD Wins National Award for Website

March 8, 2011 (San Francisco) – Sunshine Review, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to government transparency, announced today that the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) has received a Sunny Award, which is given to organizations that maintain the most transparent government websites in the country.

For the 2012 awards, editors from Sunshine Review analyzed over 6,000 government websites using a 10-point checklist. The list graded the availability of information on each site, including information about the organization’s budget, elected officials, and public records. This year, 214 of the 6,000 government websites checked earned the award.

Among the 110 California school district websites evaluated, SFUSD was the only district in the state to earn an “A” grade.

“One of our goals for the website is to be transparent and to make relevant information easily accessible to parents and community members,” says Gentle Blythe, Executive Director of Public Outreach and Communications. “This award is a great honor and the Sunshine Review’s checklist will help the district to improve the site even more.”

The redesigned SFUSD website, www.sfusd.edu, was launched in the spring of 2011 and made possible with grant funding. The multilingual site receives an average of 100,000 unique visitors per month.

For more information about the Sunny Awards, visit http://sunshinereview.org/index.php/2012_Sunny_Awards

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