More SF Public School Parents Rate Schools as Excellent

May 23, 2013 (San Francisco, CA) – Nearly three-quarters of San Francisco parents with children in public schools surveyed describe the quality of their children’s school as good (“B”) or excellent (“A”), an increase of eight percent over the past two years.

“We know that our schools continue to improve, and it’s heartening to see that reflected in what parents are experiencing first hand,” said Superintendent Richard A. Carranza. “While these results validate that we’re heading in the right direction, we’re aiming for 100 percent excellent.”

The survey results announced this week are based on the City Survey, which was given to 11,000 randomly selected residents. The survey was conducted by an independent auditor in February of this year in order to objectively find out more about residents' use and satisfaction with city services.

Some additional statistics related to the San Francisco Unified School District include:

- The percentage of respondents with school-age children attending public schools has increased by 5% in the past 2 years (from 66% to 71%)
- The percentage of respondents rating our schools as good or excellent has increased by 8% in the past 2 years (from 66% to 74%)
- The percentage of respondents rating SFUSD schools as average or poor has decreased by 8% in the past 2 years (from 34% to 26%)

The percentage of respondents with young children indicating the intention to move out of the city has decreased by six percent in the past 4 years (from 41% to 35%) and 10 percent over the past eight years (from 45% to 35%). The number of respondents intending to move may correspond to how residents view the quality of San Francisco’s schools as well as the cost of living and other variables affecting the quality of life for families in the city.

The City Survey is a biennial city-wide survey to measure San Francisco residents’ opinions about public services they experience every day – streets, parks, Muni, libraries, and schools – and to ask about perceptions of the quality of life, ranging from public safety to Internet access.

The City and County of San Francisco 2013 City Survey Report can found at http://sfcontroller.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=4286

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