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Young Students Ready to Swing, Salsa and Cha-Cha-Cha

WHAT  Fifty fourth and fifth graders from six elementary schools will be showing off their new dance skills and vying for trophies in their first dance competition “Latin Dance and A Little Swing.”

WHEN  Saturday, May 7 / 1:15-3:00 p.m.

WHERE  City College of SF / Wellness Center / 50 Phelan Ave.

WHO  • SF Board of Education Vice-President Norman Yee
    • Deputy Superintendent Richard Carranza
    • Students from Bryant, Guadalupe, Hillcrest, Leonard Flynn, Longfellow and Marshall elementary schools and their dance coaches

WHY  Commissioner Yee, a salsa dance enthusiast, has organized the San Francisco Young Dancers program inspired by the documentary “Mad Hot Ballroom” that follows New York City public school students competing in a citywide ballroom dance competition.

Yee encourages students to learn dance because, like any athletic activity at school, it reinforces self-discipline and it provides students access to a new, joyful endeavor that requires focus to do well.

“This performance will show what can be accomplished when these young students put their minds into it,” says Yee.

AUDIO/ VISUAL: Ten and eleven year olds dancing swing, salsa and cha-cha-cha. Hillcrest Elementary students will be dressed in formal attire, eager for the first dance, meringue, their favorite. The Aptsos Middle School Jazz band will provide pre-performance and intermission entertainment.

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