Superintendent Visits Schools on First Day, Congratulates Schools on Significant Test Score Gains

WHAT
Superintendent Carlos Garcia and Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, Innovation and Social Justice Richard Carranza welcome back teachers, students and families and congratulate schools showing significant and steady gains in academic achievement.

WHEN
Monday, August 16, 2010
7:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WHERE
7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. / Dr. Charles Drew Elementary School, 50 Pomona St. (near Bayview St.)

Drew Elementary, located in San Francisco’s Bayview neighborhood, exemplifies the district’s goal of providing a seamless transition and a strong foundation for students enrolled in preschool through third grade. This year, Drew’s students showed double digit gains in both their Math (19 percent) and English Language Arts (12 percent) California State Standards Tests (CSTs).

Audio/Visual: Parents dropping students off for first day of school.

9:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. / Mission High School, 3750-18th St. (at Dolores St.)

Mission High School’s students have shown academic growth for three consecutive years. Mission, which serves 47 percent of English language learners and has 60 percent of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, is one of 10 schools in San Francisco which may receive over 1 million in federal School Improvement Grant funds pending approval from the State Board of Education this month. Ninth graders at Mission and at all schools across the city will be the first graduating class that will have to meet the District’s new graduation requirements.

Audio/Visual: Incoming freshman on their first day of high school.

11:30 – 12:30 p.m. / Sherman Elementary School, 1651 Union St. (at Franklin)

Sherman Elementary School has been strengthening their reading and writing workshops and providing targeted instruction for their students struggling in math. The double digit gains in both math (14 percent) and English Language Arts (10 percent) demonstrate their success. For two years in a row, teams of teachers have spent their summers at Columbia Teacher’s Reading Institute to learn new teaching techniques.

Audio/Visual: Principal and teachers talking about their academic achievement gains, students in classrooms and balanced literacy teaching demonstration.

WHO
School tours and press conference: Carlos Garcia, Superintendent
Richard Carranza, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, Innovation and Social Justice

Academic Achievement Press conference: Ritu Khanna, Assistant Superintendent of Research and Planning and Sherman Elementary Principal Sara Shenkan-Rich and Sherman Teachers