New Superintendent Carranza and Mayor Lee
Visit Schools on Opening Day

WHAT  San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee and Superintendent Richard Carranza will welcome back teachers, students and families and congratulate schools that are showing significant gains in academic achievement.

WHEN  Monday, August 20, 2012
8:30 a.m. – noon (detailed schedule below)

WHERE  8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Everett Middle School, 450 Church Street
Now entering its third year as a turn-around school, Everett is poised to show tremendous growth for historically underserved students. The school’s interim assessments show academic achievement gains, the attendance rate has increased and student and staff satisfaction survey responses reflect an upward trend. In the spring of 2010, the State of California identified Everett Middle School as one of the state’s persistently low-performing schools based on test its scores. The district applied for and won federal funding (known as School Improvement Grants) to help turn this around. The focus on teacher development, along with social and emotional support resources for students, is making a big difference.

Audio/Visual: Mayor and Superintendent visiting with middle school students in classrooms.

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy, 4235 19th Street
All the students and staff at Harvey Milk dance once a week at the start of their school community meeting. A school that is known for its warm welcoming environment, it’s no wonder that over three-fourths of fifth grade students surveyed reported that they love their school. There is a lot to love - in addition to over a 97 percent average daily attendance rate - the school has also shown steady growth in academic achievement over several years.

Audio/Visual: Elementary school students and their parents gathering on the yard on their first day of school. Students dancing.

10:45 – 11:30 a.m. Phillip and Sala Burton High School, 400 Mansell Street
A comprehensive high school in San Francisco’s Visitacion Valley, Burton High exemplifies a community school, where students can access dental services, an array of after school enrichment programs, as well as mental health counseling services. The school has seen its highest attendance rate in four years (it’s now over 90 percent) and suspensions have declined by 25 percent in the past two years. Based on interim assessments, the district anticipates that Burton will also show great gains in academic achievement.

Audio/Visual: Principal touring the Superintendent to classrooms and talking about the schools community-wide approach to supporting student success.

WHO  Ed Lee, Mayor
Richard A. Carranza, Superintendent
School Board Commissioners
Students, teachers and parents

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