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Highlights for Sept 3 - 9, 2013
Promising Partnerships

Last August, thousands of current and former students who arrived as children to this country without documentation became eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Those who meet the requirements will be free from deportation for two years and eligible for work permits, with the chance to renew eligibility. Since then, SFUSD has been working closely with the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs, the SF Youth Commission, and Dream SF Community Partners to ensure students are aware of the program -- and that they can access the records required to apply. The partners developed an online portal where youth could find additional resources during the application process and request their student records. At a celebration of the DACA program’s one-year anniversary, Superintendent Richard Carranza will be speaking about the importance of this program.

When: Wednesday, Sept 4 / 12:00 p.m.
Where: CCSF Valencia campus / 1125 Valencia St.

Modeled after the Harlem Children’s Zone, the Mission Promise Neighborhood (MPN) links family economic security with student academic achievement. It creates a comprehensive, integrated framework of evidence-based services, some of which will be available at four schools in the Mission – Bryant and Chavez Elementary schools, Everett Middle and O’Connell High. SFUSD, along with the City and County of San Francisco, the John W. Gardner Center for Youth and Their Communities at Stanford University and the United Way of the Bay Area, have partnered with the Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) to create the MPN. The group received a competitive $30 million grant to transform the neighborhood for low-income children and their families. To kick off the project, partnering agencies are hosting a celebration for Mission residents to learn more about what to expect over the next five years.

When: Saturday, Sept 7 / 11:00 a.m.
Where: John O’Connell HS / 2355 Folsom St.

Groundbreaking collaborative research on the needs of San Francisco's youth has already resulted in programs such as Bridge to Success, which brings together the City and County of San Francisco, SFUSD, the City College of San Francisco (CCSF), and key community organizations to promote success in college for underrepresented students. This week, a panel of notable education research leaders from across the country will gather at Stanford University to discuss the ongoing importance of collaborative research. Superintendent Carranza, who continues to strengthen SFUSD’s close partnerships with researchers and with Stanford University's Graduate School of Education, will be talking about how this new kind of collaboration is helping SFUSD understand what really works in education.

When: Friday, Sept 9 / 5:30 p.m.
Where: Stanford University / Paul Brest Hall

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