

2013 San Pablo Community Schools Forum Evaluation Report



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Forum Participation:

On Thursday, February 28th, over 107 participants came together to learn more about the San Pablo Community School Initiative—an educational reform and community development strategy aimed to improve outcomes for families and children throughout San Pablo. The City of San Pablo, West Contra Costa Unified School District, and Contra Costa County highlighted their unified support for the initiative and invited participants to share their voice and get involved in the effort.

The participants represented a diverse group of stakeholders motivated to improve outcomes and increase opportunities for the families and children of San Pablo, including: school staff and leadership; policy makers; community-based organizations; city, county, and federal government staff and officials; higher education; community residents, parents; students; funders; and local businesses. 51 Contra Costa organizations were in attendance.

Flow of the Day:

Genoveva Calloway, Mayor of San Pablo, opened the San Pablo Community Schools Forum and shared the numerous ways the city is supporting the Community School effort throughout San Pablo. **John Gioia**, Contra Costa County Supervisor, rallied the crowd and thanked the following generous funders and donors: The California Endowment, The United Way of the Bay Area, City of San Pablo, West Contra Costa Unified School District, Koshland Program of the San Francisco Foundation, Contra Costa County, Coalition for Community Schools, and the Helms Community Project. **Lisa Villareal**, Program Officer of the San Francisco Foundation, passionately made the case for community schools via video. **Kendall Jones**, Associate Director of CSCi, provided an overview of Full Service Community Schools, followed by informative addresses from the District, County and City of San Pablo. School Board member **Elaine Merriweather**, **Superintendent Dr. Harter**, and **Principal De León** announced the School Board Full Service Community School Resolution, the school district's support for the San Pablo initiative and plans to move the Community School work throughout the district. **Luz Gomez**, Deputy Chief of Staff of Contra Costa County, highlighted the county's support for Full Service Community Schools in San Pablo and throughout the county. **Leonard McNeil**, former Vice-Mayor of San Pablo, shared the evolution, vision and path forward for the San Pablo Community Schools Initiative.

The second half of the forum allowed participants to connect with other community members, reflect on all they had heard about the San Pablo Community School Initiative, and begin to vision what this could look like for the San Pablo community. Breakout sessions mirrored the researched-based “Conditions for Learning” and included 1) Early Childhood Education; 2) Academic Program & Services; 3) Afterschool, Summer Learning, and other Expanded Learning; 4) Health & Wellness (behavioral & physical); 5) Family Engagement & Support; and 6) Community Engagement & Development.

In the Words of the Participants:

“Wonderful event—I feel invigorated after a long week and several long days. Thank you for that!”

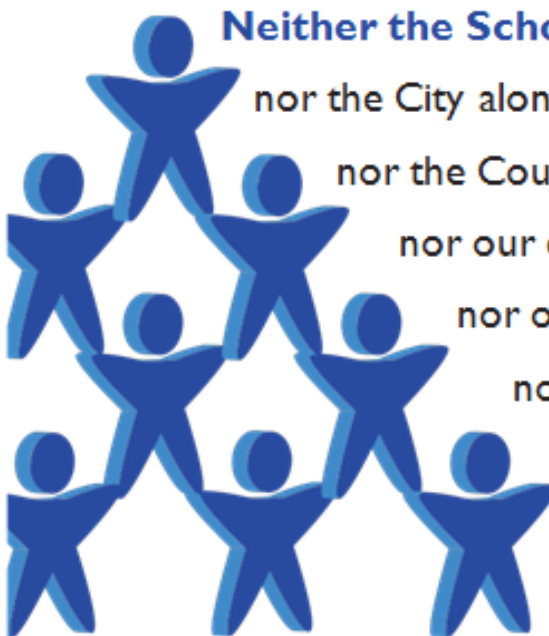
“Excellent Forum!”

“I am a committed college student at St. Mary’s College and willing to volunteer my time and heart to any needs.”

“Great time to network and link resources and names with face.”

San Pablo Full Service Community Schools

Where Community Supports Education and Education Supports Community



Neither the School District alone
nor the City alone
nor the County alone
nor our community based organizations alone
nor our faith based organizations alone
nor local businesses alone
nor our parents alone
nor our communities alone
can fix these problems.

The performance of our students and the future of our City is the responsibility of all of us.



Overall Evaluation Summary

Evaluation completion was 40% of all participants

Forum Goals:

1. Participants will **deepen their understanding of the full service community school approach** and develop a common understanding about full-service community schools (FSCS) that help students, families and communities thrive.
2. Participants will **learn about the vision, history, and current efforts** for full-service community school partnerships between the City, County, and District.
3. Participants will have the **opportunity to engage in the future planning and development** of local FSCS efforts to strengthen and transform our community.

Evaluation Results:

1. **90% of the participants** reported that the forum helped them deepen their understanding of the full service community school (FSCS) approach. Four participants (the other 10%) stated they already knew a lot about the FSCS approach prior to the forum.
2. **88% stated that they learned about the current efforts** for full-service community school partnerships between the City of San Pablo, Contra Costa County, and West Contra Costa Unified School District.
3. **88% felt they have the opportunity to engage in the future planning and development** of full service community schools in San Pablo.
4. **98% were highly satisfied** with the San Pablo Community Schools forum.

Ongoing Involvement:

1. **91% indicated they'd be interested in participating** on one or more San Pablo Full Service Community School Planning Task forces.
2. **58% volunteered to help lead a task force group** if needed.

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