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PLAN Platform 2008 – Bay Area Parents’ Priorities

In the winter of 2008, PLAN collected 250 surveys from Bay Area parents to identify priorities in four issue areas for the 2008-09 state budget and legislative season. On March 1, parents and allies from all over the Bay Area came together in Oakland to recommend actions to state and local elected officials.

ISSUE: Parent Representation

PARENTS’ TOP PRIORITIES:

1. “Provide translation (written and oral) at all school and district meetings so all parents can participate.”
2. “Ensure that all schools allocate the required 1% of budget to parent involvement activities”

RECOMMENDATION: Hold districts accountable to their responsibility to provide opportunities for full participation to parents with limited English proficiency, parents of migrant children, and parents with disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION: Support an increase in enforcement of Title I parental involvement funding requirements, and support parents’ efforts to enforce policies at the district level.

ISSUE: Educational Equity

PARENTS’ TOP PRIORITIES:

“Stop the \$4.8 billion cut from public schools—oppose the suspension of Prop. 98

RECOMMENDATION: Oppose the suspension of Prop. 98 and any cuts to public education

ISSUE: Economic & Social Justice

PARENTS’ TOP PRIORITY:

1. “Oppose the Governor’s plan to cut thousands of families off welfare through ‘Full Family Sanctions.’”
2. “Stop immigration raids that de-stabilize families and violate civil rights”

RECOMMENDATION: Oppose Full Family Sanctions—retain the safety net for children

RECOMMENDATION: Create and publicize a statewide protocol which will ensure the safety of children separated from their parents/caregivers during an immigration raid

ISSUE: Child Care

PARENTS’ TOP PRIORITY:

“Oppose the Governor’s proposal to eliminate an estimated 16,000 child care slots due to attrition and overall cuts to child development programs.”

RECOMMENDATION:

Oppose the governor’s proposed \$200 million cut in child development programs.