

## Teacher Voices for Student Learning

### A Roundtable about Critical Issues in Education and Research-Based Solutions

On Wednesday, June 7, 2006 the San Francisco Education Fund Leadership Institute hosted a roundtable discussion at the San Francisco Unified School District Office Board Room. The discussions centered on addressing critical issues necessary for student success and creating a dialogue between public education stakeholders.

The roundtable gave stakeholders the opportunity to better understand the realities and challenges of the classroom, where policy is ultimately implemented. In small groups, Ed Fund Leadership Institute Fellows presented action-oriented solutions to improve student learning, culled from a year of intense classroom-based research. All participating stakeholders then contributed important perspectives and ideas to the discussion.

#### Attendees:

- ◇ Leadership Institute Fellows
- ◇ SFUSD Parents
- ◇ SFUSD Student Leaders
- ◇ Members of the SF Board of Education
- ◇ School Principals
- ◇ CBO Representatives
- ◇ SFUSD Central Office Administrators
- ◇ Representatives from local universities

#### Research Topics:

- ◇ Parent Communication and Involvement
- ◇ Quality Professional Development and Teacher Support
- ◇ Supporting Student Success
- ◇ Addressing the Needs of English Language Learners

#### Event Successes:

- ◇ Gained commitments on multiple levels to pursue policy change
- ◇ Strengthened relationships and coalitions across stakeholder groups
- ◇ Established a forum for interaction between policymakers and their constituents
- ◇ Recognized a proven strategy for evaluating policy

#### Next Steps:

Building on the success of this event, Leadership Institute Fellows will continue in the fall to advocate for the policy recommendations of their research. The group will also be developing a policy platform and building teacher voice statewide to impact broader policy decisions.

*The Leadership Institute is a group of mobilized San Francisco public school teachers who are influential leaders in their schools and communities. By researching aspects of their own schools and classrooms, these rising voices in education are identifying ways to improve learning for students, while framing the larger debate on issues critical to student success. For more information please contact Ed Fund Program Manager Mark Triplett at 415.912.2236 or [mark@sfeffund.org](mailto:mark@sfeffund.org). Program details can also be found on our website at [www.sfeffund.org](http://www.sfeffund.org).*