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1. What are you most proud of accomplishing during your time on the Board of Education?
 - FAA Samoan initiative which created the first Samoan Immersion PreK in the country with the highest enrollment in district
 - Mental Wellness resolutions which include Coordinated Care and Our Healing in our Hands
 - Fiscal saving resolutions which include Transportation and Medi-cal resolutions
 - Resolution to build Teacher Housing

2. What do you wish had gone differently during your time on the Board of Education?
 - Would have liked the District to have had a distant learning plan in place

3. What will your top priorities be if you are allowed to complete your term on the Board of Education?
 - Hire a Superintendent to lead the district and get us closer to accomplishing our goals set out as a district
 - Continue to focus on building a school system that is financially solvent and fiscally healthy to support the needs of our students and staff
 - Continue to focus on the implementation of mental health services to address the needs of student, families, teachers and all district employees
 - Continue to focus on closing the opportunity gap for Pacific Islander, Black, Latin-X, and Southeast Asians

4. What is your assessment of the top challenges facing SFUSD? What will it take to address them?

The budget deficit, hiring a new Superintendent, and addressing the needs of our most marginalized students coming out of the pandemic is critical at the moment. These items will need a collaborative approach to assist in ensuring we are on target with the efforts being carried out. It will also take leadership that can listen first and respond based on the needs being asked by our constituents and shown by the data.

5. What path do you see for SFUSD to get out of the current budget crisis?

We need to submit a balanced plan that is supported by a community process and our fiscal experts. There is work needed to support the infrastructure deficit that has accumulated over the years of SFUSD operations. There will also need to be advocacy and efforts to identify new funding streams to increase the funds in our current budget.

