

## **CAC Chairperson's Report**

### **Early Childhood Education and Parent Engagement Update from December 15, 2016 meeting:**

- **Nature Explore Outdoor Classrooms** presentation: Three Outdoor Classrooms currently exist at Early Childhood centers in Board Districts 5 and 2. Bond money has been secured, so 7 new projects will be completed, and then other Early Childhood Centers will follow. Schools (ECCs) that are furthest away from a public park or green space have greatest priority. Allowing kids to explore outside helps them develop powers of observation and creativity. Children with attentional disorders, such as ADD, may show better concentration. Garden play also helps children develop fine motor skills, and feel soothed or re-energized.
- **College and Career Readiness** presentation, by Rowena Lagrosa: This presentation focused on how parents can create home environments that support learning. A series of 7 modules from preschool to high school was developed by PCSS. Each school is asked to present one of these annually. Each module lasts 2 1/2 hours, and they contain information that is relevant to parents and to students as well, helping students understand the benefits of a college education. Topics such as A-G requirements are discussed, also Grade Point Averages, and tracking tools, such as PASSPORT, so that parents can monitor their child's progress toward meeting requirements.

### **CAC Summit Update:**

The Summit Working Group met on December 20, 2016 and on January 11, 2017. The Date of the Summit will be **Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8:30 - 2 p.m. at East Valley High School** in North Hollywood. Working Group members discussed identifying a theme, outreach strategies, food, transportation, and other donations such as tee shirts/incentives. There will be student performances, workshops, a keynote speaker, and vendor tables with resources. Ideas? Let us know. Volunteers needed for the day of. All CAC members will receive flyers, brochures, etc. to help spread the word. We hope to get 300 attendees. Children are welcome.