



Kim-Shree Maufas, Hydra Mendoza, and Emily Murase for School Board



In this time of crisis, these three candidates will work with us, not against us

The United Educators of San Francisco is proud to announce our endorsed candidates for the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District – Kim-Shree Maufas, Hydra Mendoza, and Emily Murase. The candidates were chosen based on their strong experience advocating for San Francisco’s students and their ability to work with teachers, parents, and other stakeholders to improve education in the San Francisco Unified School District.

“Each of these candidates has demonstrated her commitment to our students and our schools,” says UESF President Dennis Kelly. “In a time when our schools are drastically underfunded, and the politicians are seeking to impose

radical experiments on our profession, these three will provide the necessary leadership to not only improve our district, but to guard against unwise interference from outside the city.”

The United Educators of San Francisco has pledged to work hard to get these three candidates elected to the Board of Education. Drawing on our proven track records of success, UESF will hold dozens of phone banks and precinct walks and outreach directly to parents to get Maufas, Mendoza, and Murase elected. In order to ensure that a pro-student, pro-educator slate is elected to School Board, membership involvement will be key.

More about the candidates

In her first term on the Board of Education, Commissioner **Kim-Shree Maufas** has served with distinction, including a year as President of the Board, when she led the district in directly handling the most contentious conversations and through incredibly difficult budget cuts.

Last school year, when the Superintendent rushed to send out layoff notices to over 1,100 teachers and paraprofessionals Kim-Shree Maufas was the only member of the Board of Education to vote “no”, calling for “cuts as far away from students and teachers in the classroom as possible.” Instead, Commissioner Maufas urged the administration to work with UESF to find alter-

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natives to the layoffs. Because of the negotiated sacrifices of UESF members, almost all layoffs were rescinded, and this school year has gotten underway without any major disruptions.

Commissioner **Hydra Mendoza** has also served as a leader on the San Francisco School Board during her first term. Serving as the education advisor to Mayor Gavin Newsom, Hydra has worked hard with UESF and other members of the Board of Education to bring more support directly to our schools, including the San Francisco Rainy Day Fund, which has provided millions to the city's schools over the past three years. Pooling the resources of the City and County with SFUSD, Commissioner Mendoza has also helped UESF to advocate for long sought after affordable housing for teachers and school workers.

Emily Murase is a long time school-site parent advocate. Her children attended Rosa Parks Elementary School where she worked hard with staff to bring essential resources to the school, including taking a leadership role in the Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program. She spends countless hours at Rosa Parks and in schools throughout San Francisco, learning first-hand what educators and students need to build exciting and successful communities of teaching and learning. She will be a much-needed bridge between educators and parents, knowing that the best reforms are bottom up and not top down. Emily Murase has also served San Francisco as the Executive Director of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women.

UESF Endorsement Process

UESF endorses candidates through a democratic, two-step process. The first step is a UESF COPE Recommendation meeting, open to all UESF COPE members, where members interview and then vote to recommend one or more candidates. That meeting took place on August 3, 2010. The second and final step is endorsement by the Executive Board, which took place on August 18, 2010. Kim-Shree Maufas received an early endorsement last spring.