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STATEMENT ON BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMISSIONER ANN HSU'S REMARKS

San Francisco Board of Education Member Ann Hsu recently made racist statements about Black and Brown students stating that their parents do not encourage their children to focus on or value learning. This is flat out wrong and racist to perpetuate harmful stereotypes on Black and Brown students and their families who have been disenfranchised by systemic racism for decades. It is disheartening that someone in a position responsible for making decisions for 50,000 children lead with racism and stereotypical characterizations. There's no learning curve for how to treat people and respect people of different cultures when you're in a leadership position as a Commissioner on the Board of Education. Bottom line, these statements are reflective of how a person really feels and it is evident that anyone with these beliefs should not be responsible for making decisions for our children.

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