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## **SAN FRANCISCO WELLNESS INITIATIVE HOSTS OPEN HOUSE AT PHILLIP & SALA BURTON HIGH**

(SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.) – October 16, 2014 – The San Francisco Wellness Initiative will host an Open House at the Phillip & Sala Burton High School Wellness Center, 400 Mansell St., Monday, October 27 from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Guests are invited to join the Wellness staff and student outreach workers to learn firsthand about the many services available to students.

“The services our 19 Wellness Centers provide are vital to students, and this Open House is an excellent opportunity to showcase our programs with the community -- students, parents and the public at large,” says Stacey Blankenbaker, director of the Wellness Initiative.

Wellness Centers provide safe, supportive environments in the school where students can go to discuss a variety of issues, from depression, grief, self-esteem, family life and stress to dating violence, sexual identity and gang involvement. In addition to one-on-one and group counseling services, the Burton Center, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, is the only site that provides onsite reproductive health services to students.

Parking is available in the staff parking lot. Drive west on Mansell St. to Bowdoin St. Turn right (north) onto Bowdoin, then turn right (east) on Olmstead St. into the lot. RSVP to [mary@sfwellness.org](mailto:mary@sfwellness.org) by Thursday, October 23.

### **About the San Francisco Wellness Initiative**

The San Francisco Wellness Initiative is a groundbreaking program dedicated to improving the health, well-being and academic success of the city’s 16,000 public high school students at 19 campuses. Staff members at each onsite Wellness Center help teens gain the skills they need to cope with complex issues such as anxiety, depression, drug and alcohol use, sexual health and relationships. Students learn positive, lifelong habits that contribute to their well-being and success, and ultimately, to the health of the communities in which they live.

The Wellness Initiative is a unique partnership between the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and the San Francisco Unified School District. Core funding for the Initiative comes from the City of San Francisco’s Children’s Fund and the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) of the San Francisco Unified School District.

For more information, visit [the San Francisco Wellness Initiative](http://www.sfwellness.org).

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