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MARIA SU, CURRENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES, TO BECOME ACTING DIRECTOR

Margaret Brodkin to take new position as Director of New Day for Learning

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – Today Mayor Gavin Newsom announced that he has asked Maria Su, current Deputy Director of the Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF), to become the Acting Director of DCYF.

“During Maria’s tenure, DCYF has become one of San Francisco’s most respected and influential organizations, making children one of the city’s highest public policy priorities,” said Mayor Newsom. “She has overseen the department’s core service areas, including early care and education, family support, health and nutrition, out-of-school programs, violent response and youth workforce development, as well as the Wellness Centers, Beacons and Transitional Age Youth initiatives.”

After over four years of service as Director of DCYF, Margaret Brodkin is leaving her position in order to become Director of the New Day for Learning Initiative. The Initiative is a collaboration among city, school and community partners, and is being funded, in part, by the Mott Foundation.

"New Day for Learning is an important initiative, and one that will put San Francisco in the national spotlight of education reform and city and school partnerships," said Mayor Newsom. “As the Director of New Day for Learning, Margaret will continue her pioneering work in local child advocacy, and on improving the lives of every child and youth in San Francisco.”

DCYF is one of the few city departments in the country dedicated exclusively to young people. The department enhances the lives of San Francisco’s children and youth through innovative partnerships with parents and youth, community organizations, city departments, schools, funders, and the private sector.

New Day for Learning is funded by the C.S. Mott Foundation. New Day for Learning builds on a foundation of core academics by leveraging community resources to incorporate strategies such as hands-on learning, working in teams and problem solving. Many programs that take place before the school day, after-school, and during the summer are already using these innovative learning approaches to engage students and increase their chances for success.

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