

1 [Urging 108th Congress to Tie National School Lunch Program Eligibility to Regional
2 Indicators and To Increase California’s Reimbursement Rate.]

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4 **Resolution urging 108th U.S. Congress to link National School Lunch Eligibility Criteria**
5 **to Regional Poverty Indicators and to increase the Program’s Reimbursement Rate.**

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is disproportionately affected by a higher cost of living than
7 most cities across the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Higher expenses in San Francisco affect the ability of the San Francisco
9 Unified School District to adequately meet the nutritional needs of children, particularly those
10 who are low-income; and,

11 WHEREAS, While federal funding has kept up with the national cost of living, it has not
12 adequately provided for services in San Francisco due to regional variances in the cost of
13 food and supplies related to market availability and distribution costs, as well as differences in
14 the cost of labor; and,

15 WHEREAS, While federal funding has kept up with the national cost of living, it has not
16 adequately provided for services in San Francisco due to regional variances in the cost of
17 food and supplies related to market availability and distribution costs, as well as differences in
18 the cost of labor; and,

19 WHEREAS, numerous students in the San Francisco Unified School District are
20 deemed ineligible for the National School Lunch Program despite their real need because of
21 criteria that are not aligned with San Francisco’s cost of living; now, therefore, be it
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Name of Supervisor/Committee/Department

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors That the Board of
2 Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the 108th U.S. Congress in the
3 reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act, to index the free and reduced price eligibility scale of
4 the National School Lunch Program based on regional and area costs and update it at regular
5 intervals."
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7 RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 urges the 108th U.S. Congress in the reauthorization of the Child Nutrition Act, to include
9 California on the list of states with higher reimbursement rates to reflect the differences
10 between the costs of providing meals and supplements in all other States, similar to the
11 higher reimbursement rates in effect for Alaska and Hawaii and for some schools with higher
12 percentages of low-income children; and, be it
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14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall forward a copy
15 of this resolution to San Francisco's State and Federal legislative delegation.
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