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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health  
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Susan Solomon, Board President, United Educators of San Francisco

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Joint City, School District, and City College  
Select Committee

DATE: February 2, 2021

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Joint City, School District, and City College Select Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Ronen on January 25, 2021:

**File No. 210098**

**Hearing to discuss how the Department of Public Health can work with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to ensure adequate surveillance testing of school staff and students who return to the classroom without delay; and requesting Department of Public Health, SFUSD, SFUSD Board Members, and United Educators of San Francisco to report.**

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health  
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**Supervisor Hillary Ronen**

Under new state guidance, SFUSD would need to implement COVID-19 surveillance testing of all school staff and students every two weeks in order to reopen public schools and qualify for additional state funding.

The school district anticipates that it could potentially bring on a contracted testing provider to conduct this regular surveillance testing by April 2021, which creates an additional delay and operational hurdle to safely reopening schools.

I am calling a hearing to discuss how the Department of Public Health can work with SFUSD to ensure adequate surveillance testing of school staff and students who return to the classroom, without delay.

I am directing the Clerk of the Board to invite the Department of Public Health, the School District, the United Educators of San Francisco, School Board members to attend.