

1 [Supporting AB 2367, AB 2132.]

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3 **Resolution supporting AB 2367 (Chan) and AB 2132 (Reyes/Chan) and urging the**
4 **California legislature to pass the two pieces of legislation allowing children in schools**
5 **with Asthma easier access to their medication.**

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7 WHEREAS, AB 2367 (Chan, D-Oakland) and AB 2132 (Reyes, D-Fresno) will provide
8 state leadership on the issue of asthma in schools; and

9 WHEREAS, AB 2367 (Chan) and AB 2132 (Reyes/Chan) would authorize children with
10 asthma to carry and use their asthma medications, as long as there is authorization by the
11 child's health care provider and parent guardian; and,

12 WHEREAS, AB 2367 (Chan) would also require school districts to adopt the
13 Guidelines for the Management of Asthma in California Schools which includes several
14 components that would increase awareness and efficacy in addressing asthma in the school
15 setting; and,

16 WHEREAS, there is no statewide law requiring school districts to allow children with
17 asthma to carry and self-administer their asthma medications; and,

18 WHEREAS, the State Board of Education regulations do not require school districts to
19 develop policies that allow children with asthma to carry and self-administer their medications,
20 school policies governing children's access to their asthma medications vary widely from
21 district to district; and,

22 WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that
23 students have immediate access to asthma medications, including the option of allowing
24 students to self-carry and self-administer medications, with input from the physician, parent,
25 and school; and

1 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District has demonstrated leadership in
2 this arena and has a policy in place which allows children with asthma to carry and self-
3 administer their medications as long as they have permission from the child's health care
4 provider and parent/guardian; and,

5 WHEREAS, authorizing children with asthma to possess and self-administer their
6 asthma medications in school will promote disease self-management, reduce asthma
7 episodes and emergencies, and reduce school absences related to asthma; and,

8 WHEREAS, asthma is the most common chronic illness among children today,
9 impacting an estimated 1 in 10 children in San Francisco and, according to a community
10 health survey, 1 in 6 children in Bayview Hunters Point; and,

11 WHEREAS, three children died of asthma in 2002 in San Francisco, which is alarming
12 since the last time a child was reported to have died from asthma was in 1987; and,

13 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Asthma Task Force, under the auspices of the San
14 Francisco Board of Supervisors, fully supports AB 2367 (Chan) and AB 2132 (Reyes/Chan);
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors fully supports of AB 2367
17 (Chan) and AB 2132 (Reyes/Chan) and urges the California legislature to pass the two pieces
18 of legislation allowing children with Asthma easier access to their medication.