

1 [Support AB 2863.]

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3 **Resolution supporting AB 2863 and urging the California legislature to pass AB 2863**
4 **allowing for the improvement of indoor air quality in our schools.**

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6 WHEREAS, AB 2863 (Pavley) will provide state leadership on the issue of indoor air
7 quality in schools; and

8 WHEREAS, AB 2863 is an important measure to improve indoor air quality in new and
9 existing schools and protect the health of students and faculty; and,

10 WHEREAS, AB 2863 will require school districts to incorporate the California
11 Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) “best practices” for improved
12 environmental conditions, including indoor air quality, into the design and construction of new
13 or remodeled school facilities to the extent feasible within their budget; and,

14 WHEREAS, AB 2863 will require existing schools to conduct self-assessments to
15 identify indoor air quality concerns and to develop an Indoor Air Quality Management Plan
16 (IAQMP) based on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Indoor Air Quality Tools for
17 Schools programs and to present the IAQMPs to school boards for their review and approval;
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, AB 2863 is designed to emphasize the availability of low cost preventative
20 measures to address many indoor air quality problems and follows several recommendations
21 included in a recent report to the California State Legislature by the California Air Resources
22 Board and the California Department of Health Services; and,

23 WHEREAS, AB 2863 is an important step for improving indoor air quality in schools in
24 these tight budget times because it would not appropriate money from the state budget, is

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1 designed to be flexible and not burdensome on schools, and emphasizes prevention which
2 will increase the likelihood that problems are fixed before they become costly; and,

3 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Education has demonstrated leadership in
4 this arena with the adoption of an indoor air quality policy in 1998, which stipulates the
5 implementation of the Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools program, and with the recent
6 adoption of a resolution to incorporate the California Collaborative for High Performance
7 Schools (CHPS) “best practices” in the construction and modernization of schools; and,

8 WHEREAS, poor indoor air quality produces an unfavorable learning environment for
9 students; reduces productivity of teachers and staff due to discomfort, sickness, or
10 absenteeism; and leads to short- and long-term health problems; and,

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

14 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Asthma Task Force, under the auspices of the San
15 Francisco Board of Supervisors, fully supports AB 2863; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the San Francisco
17 Board of Supervisors fully supports AB 2863 and urges the California legislature to pass AB
18 2863 allowing for the improvement of indoor air quality in our schools.

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