

FILE NO. 020729

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

1 [Supporting a unified San Francisco School District]

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3 **Resolution supporting a unified San Francisco School District and urging**  
4 **educators, school administrators and community members to collaborate to**  
5 **improve educational opportunities for all City of San Francisco children.**

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7 WHEREAS, ~~A proposal has recently been advanced~~ Any consideration that  
8 would split San Francisco's Unified School District ~~in half~~ into two districts with hopes of  
9 increasing community involvement within the schools and ensure that all high school  
10 students can attend their own local school; and

11 WHEREAS, ~~Such a~~ Any division would polarize San Francisco racially and  
12 economically – segregating schools, increasing achievement gaps and reducing  
13 educational opportunities for San Francisco youth; and,

14 WHEREAS, ~~This~~ Any split would divide the entire city, not just the school system,  
15 and is a reactionary step which would delineate a system where the privileged are  
16 educated in well-funded classrooms while the disadvantaged attended inadequate  
17 schools; and

18 WHEREAS, ~~The proposal~~ Any division would inhibit and derail the progress the  
19 district has made in recent years; and,

20 WHEREAS, SFUSD is posting some of the highest achievement figures among  
21 the state's largest school districts (among California's 10-largest school districts SFUSD  
22 test scores rank No. 1 in math and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in every other subject); and,

23 WHEREAS, ~~This proposal~~ Any division reflects a negative approach to  
24 addressing city problems, encouraging those unhappy with public policy to insulate

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1 themselves rather than working with others to ensure that the needs of all members of  
2 the community are met; now, therefore be it,

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
4 Francisco does hereby support a unified school district, not a divided one, and supports  
5 efforts to maintain diversity in our schools and achieve educational equity for all youth;  
6 and be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports a school district  
8 policy of parental choice, allowing all children access to any school in the district when  
9 possible, and also supports both the building capacity of “successful schools” and the  
10 reinvestment and rebuilding of poorer-performing schools; and be it

11           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges community  
12 members, civic leaders and educators to continue to build upon a record of success to  
13 further improve educational opportunities for all children from all communities.

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