

1 [Supporting Increased Access to After-School Programs for all San Francisco Unified School
2 District Students]

3 **Resolution supporting increased access to After-School Programs for all San**
4 **Francisco Unified School District students as part of a comprehensive educational**
5 **plan.**

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7 WHEREAS, The last 30 years have shown a substantial increase in labor force
8 participation by women with children and the U.S. Department of Labor reported that 77.3% of
9 school-age children’s mothers are in the labor force as of 2009; and

10 WHEREAS, 15.1 million children in the U.S. take care of themselves between the time
11 they get home from school and the time their caregivers get home from work; and

12 WHEREAS, After-school programs offer a safe, educational and enriching alternative
13 to leaving children home alone or otherwise unsupervised; and

14 WHEREAS, Children who spent time in after-school programs have better grades,
15 better work habits, more positive relationships with their peers, and have the opportunity to
16 develop creative thinking, problem-solving, communication and self-direction skills that are
17 linked with success in school and in the workplace; and

18 WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that high quality after-school programs provide
19 valuable learning experiences that reinforce school day learning and enhance school success
20 particularly in terms of increasing school attendance, connectedness to school, and
21 accelerating re-designation rates for English learners, in addition to fostering positive socio-
22 emotional skills that are critical for children and youth to thrive; and

23 WHEREAS, A 2008 survey by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time, Center for
24 Research on Women, reported that in California, kids left unattended for three or more days a
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1 week were twice as likely to hang out with gangs and more than three times more likely to use
2 illegal drugs; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD") is committed to
4 increasing access to after-school programs for all of our students as part of a comprehensive
5 educational plan; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families ("DCYF") and
7 SFUSD have supported increasing access to and the quality of after-school programs through
8 citywide alignment and coordination of after-school programs by creating and facilitating the
9 After-School for All Advisory Council, recently renamed the Expanded learning Collaborative,
10 which also includes the SF Recreation and Parks Department, SF Human Services Agency
11 and SF Public Library, in addition to other public and private partners; and

12 WHEREAS, The SF Expanded Learning Collaborative has adopted a citywide
13 definition (which is also used statewide) of "quality" for after-school and summer programs
14 that includes elements of program assessment and design; program administration and
15 finance; community partnerships and collaborations; alignment and linkage with the school
16 day; program and environment safety; youth development; family involvement; staff
17 recruitment and professional development; nutrition and physical activity; promoting diversity,
18 equity, access and inclusion and effectively supporting English language learners; and

19 WHEREAS, SFUSD has recently limited transportation to private after-school programs
20 as part of the budget-driven district-wide reduction in transportation; and

21 WHEREAS, There is currently a limited capacity for families to have access to after-
22 school placements in their own children's schools; and

23 WHEREAS, The opportunity to maximize the educational value and alignment with
24 school instructional programming of after-school learning will be enhanced if more students
25 can attend after-school programs that are located within their own schools; and

1 WHEREAS, Various current funding sources for after-school programs currently have
2 different eligibility and application requirements and there is no uniform application process for
3 SFUSD students; and

4 WHEREAS, DCYF has made a commitment to work collaboratively on efforts to
5 increase access to after-school programming for all children and youth citywide; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 supports a policy priority for the SFUSD that, if it is the desire of their family, every K-5
9 SFUSD student should be able to attend an after-school program located on their own school
10 site that is aligned with their school program and strongly encourages the development of
11 plans and policies for the placement of after-school programs on the same school site such
12 that the implementation plan is finalized by the 2014-2015 school year; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors encourages the SFUSD and DCYF
14 to include policies on shared classroom space and site support resources in consultation with
15 site administrators, teachers, and after-school program providers; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFUSD to develop a
17 single uniform application for after-school programs on school sites in the SFUSD that may be
18 accessible online and a district-wide approach to equitable family co-payments for afterschool
19 programs with an accompanying online payment system; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and the SFUSD is urged to explore the
21 possibility of city-funded after-school programs using this uniform application, and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFUSD is encouraged to examine the possibility of
23 changing school start times to better align with standard after-school programs; and,
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall request information from
2 the SFUSD and the City regarding the development of the above-detailed policies and
3 procedures as they evolve.
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