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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Director, Youth Commission  
FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, *Victor Young*  
Rules Committee  
DATE: October 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Declaration of Policy. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

**File No. 231017**

Hearing to consider the proposed Declaration of Policy submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the March 5, 2024, Election, entitled "Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels."

**File No. 231019**

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, a Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee ([victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org)).

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RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION

Date: 10/27/23

No Comment  
 Recommendation Attached

  
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Chairperson, Youth Commission



## YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Victor Young, Assistant Clerk  
Joel Engardio, District 4 Supervisor

**CC:** Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Tita Bell, District 4 Legislative Aide

**FROM:** 2023-2024 Youth Commission

**DATE:** Friday, October 27, 2023

**RE:** SUBJECT: YOUTH COMMISSION REFERRED LEGISLATION BOS FILE # 231017 AND # 231019

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At its in-person meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 took the following action on BOS FILE # 231017 AND # 231019:

1. Motion to Support Referred Legislation BOS File # 231017 [Hearing - Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development] **Hearing to consider the proposed Declaration of Policy submitted by four or more Supervisors to the voters for the March 5, 2024, Election, entitled "Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels."**
2. Motion to Support Referred Legislation BOS File # 231019 [Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development] **Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on March 5, 2024, a Declaration of Policy urging the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade, and supporting the SFUSD in its efforts to develop its math curriculum for students at all grade levels.**
3. The San Francisco Youth Commission had the following questions about the Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development:
  - How does SFUSD plan to support SFUSD students who aren't ready or eligible to take Algebra 1 if that would be offered and implemented as part of the SFUSD Math Curriculum?
  - How does SFUSD and with support of the BOS plan to implement Algebra 1 in middle schools since there are currently classes that don't have enough teachers to teach math courses at every middle school?
  - What are the mechanisms that the City and County has if the Board of Supervisors approved this to be implemented into SFUSD math curriculum and additional school district policies?

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- How would this legislation work to increase students' involvement in STEM courses?
  - Do current private and charter middle schools in San Francisco offer Algebra 1 as part of their independent math curriculums?
  - Where does the state math curriculum stand and how can the City encourage SFUSD to fully implement the state math curriculum?
  - What changes does the Board of Supervisors would need to make if SFUSD agrees to implement Algebra 1 in middle schools? For example: additional funding resources
  - Why were there math curriculum changes and policies revoked in 2014?
  - What kind of support will there be for students wanting to take Algebra 1 if this policy change would be implemented?
  - What would be the scale of implementation if SFUSD would implement Algebra 1?
  - What is the timeline for this declaration of policy to be passed by voters?
4. The commissioner urges SFUSD to partake in the Hearing - Declaration of Policy - Eighth Grade Algebra and SFUSD Math Curriculum Development for the school district to be able to answer some of the questions asked at the 10/16 Youth Commission meeting.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Youth Commissioners or Youth Commission staff (415) 554- 6446 with any questions. Thank you.