

1 [Russian Bilingual Bicultural Program.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to consider the feasibility**
4 **of establishing a Russian Bilingual Bicultural Program, incorporating methods from the**
5 **European educational system of learning.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to diverse ethnic group striving to preserve their
8 heritage and cultural identity; and,

9 WHEREAS, The California Department of Education and the Unified School District
10 already offer a number of immersion and bilingual-bicultural education programs; and,

11 WHEREAS, Bilingual-bicultural programs have successfully developed fluency in
12 English and foreign languages and have positive results on students' overall academic
13 achievement; and,

14 WHEREAS, Bilingual-bicultural programs have proven to provide students with an
15 insight into global issues, international diversity, and world geography; and,

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District runs 52 multicultural programs
17 for seven different languages, including, but not limited to Chinese, Japanese, Korean,
18 Spanish, and Italian; and,

19 WHEREAS, Special cultural, lingual and academic school concentrations have been
20 successful in a variety of formats, whether as immersion strands, enrichment programs,
21 immersion schools or charter schools; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Russian-speaking community numbers over 40,000 people in San
23 Francisco and close to 120,000 in the rest of the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco Unified
2 School District to consider the feasibility of establishing a Russian Bilingual Bicultural
3 Program, incorporating methods from the European educational system of learning.

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