

1 [Resolution in Support of Statewide Education Funding Initiatives]

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3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to support statewide education funding**
4 **initiatives to help San Francisco's public educational system.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District has
7 been forced to make budget reductions in the amount of \$113 million over the past two school
8 years and anticipates cutting an additional \$83 millions in the next two years; and

9 WHEREAS, Two statewide education funding initiatives have been submitted for the
10 November 6, 2012 general election; and

11 WHEREAS, One initiative, entitled "The School and Local Public Safety Protection Act
12 of 2012", is the sponsored by Governor Jerry Brown, and supported by the California
13 Federation of Teachers, and the California Teachers Association; and all other statewide
14 employee and management education organizations including the California School Boards
15 Association, and

16 WHEREAS, The other initiative, entitled "Our Children, Our Future: Local Schools and
17 Early Education Investment and Bond Debt Reduction Act", is sponsored by the Advancement
18 Project, civil rights attorney Molly Munger and the California State Parent Teacher
19 Association; and also supported by the California School Boards Association, and

20 WHEREAS, Both initiatives would benefit public school by lessening, but not
21 eliminating, the impacts of drastic budget cuts to school districts throughout the States of
22 California; and

23 WHEREAS, The District's current budget reductions for the 2012-13 school year will
24 result in numerous personnel reductions, program reductions, and services essential to

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1 educating its children, including the increase of class size, the elimination of support and
2 services for students; and

3 WHEREAS, Base on the fact that either initiative, if passed by the electorate, would
4 serve to mitigate, in part, the drastic budget cuts impacting the District, and

5 WHEREAS, The failure of the both initiative would trigger a \$5.5 billion mid-year cut to
6 California’s public school, resulting in the likely further reduction of instructional days for
7 students as well as salary cuts for teachers and other school employees, and

8 WHEREAS, In the event both initiative pass, conflicts between provisions would be
9 resolved through legal means and not result in double taxation for taxpayers, and

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby endorses both
11 funding initiatives and urges voters to vote “yes” on both initiatives to mitigate the continuing
12 budget free-fall of California’s public education system to the detriment of the City’s students,
13 teachers, families, and the community at large.

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