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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vincent C. Matthews, Ed.D., Superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District
Maria Su, Director, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families
Dr. Grant Colfax, Director, Department of Public Health
Susan Solomon, Board President, United Educators of San Francisco

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: August 4, 2020

SUBJECT: HEARING MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Joint City, School District, and City College Select Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Ronen on July 21 2020:

File No. 200797

Hearing to discuss how the City can assist the School District, teachers, parents, and children to start the school year successfully while engaging in distance learning; and requesting the San Francisco Unified School District, Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, Department of Public Health, Board of Education, and United Educators of San Francisco to report.

If you have any comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Esther Casco, San Francisco Unified School District
Viva Mogi, San Francisco Unified School District
Mele Lau Smith, San Francisco Unified School District
Greg Wagner, Department of Public Health
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Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Ronen; Haney, Walton

Subject:

Hearing on City and School District Planning Efforts to Support Distance Learning for the 2020-21 Academic Year

The text is listed:

See attached document

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: /s/ Hillary Ronen



Supervisor Hillary Ronen

Despite plans for distance learning in the Fall, parents, children, and educators in San Francisco have been given little direction on what the school day will look like and what will be required of them to ensure a successful Fall semester for their children.

Many families who have the financial means are independently arranging individual learning pods for their children. These pods are taking various shapes and formats but have no formal guidance from the School District, City, or Health Department on their structure, health precautions, or other considerations to make these pods successful.

Many families without space or means to hire a caretaker for their children are dealing with the constant stress and anticipation of being forced to leave their children at home if they must work without any adult supervision over their learning or safety.

Most families in San Francisco, regardless of income level or living circumstances, believe that distance learning in the Spring was unsuccessful. Most adults in San Francisco must work full-time to survive and do not have the training, time, or wherewithal to adequately supervise distance learning. Many families do not have reliable internet connection or technological devices to ensure equitable access to distance learning opportunities.

I am calling a hearing to discuss how the City can assist the School District and teachers, parents, and children to start the school year successfully while engaging in distance learning.

I am directing the Clerk of the Board to invite the School District, the Director of the Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF), the Health Officer, School Board members, and the United Educators of San Francisco to attend.