

1 [Small Schools resolution]

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3 **Resolution supporting the San Francisco Board of Education's resolution establishing**
4 **an autonomous small school policy for the San Francisco Unified School District.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) has professed a
7 strong commitment to raising the level of academic achievement for all students, particularly
8 those whose performance has historically lagged behind others; and,

9 WHEREAS, Vestiges of segregation and disparate, inequitable conditions in the
10 SFUSD have contributed to unacceptably low educational outcomes for African American,
11 Latino, and other racial minorities; and,

12 WHEREAS, Since 1983, SFUSD has operated under a "Consent ~~Degree~~ Decree" – a
13 program whose major goal has been to eliminate racial segregation in the schools and
14 improve the quality of education for historically disadvantaged groups; and,

15 WHEREAS, On July 11, 2001, SFUSD settled with the San Francisco NAACP and the
16 Ho Family, who had claimed that substantial gaps remained in the quality of education for
17 particular groups, and agreed to implement a five year educational plan, "Excellence for All"
18 (EFA), to achieve educational equity; and,

19 WHEREAS, EFA outlines a number of key goals for SFUSD to accomplish in
20 establishing equity, including: increasing school enrollment, attendance rates, and the quality
21 of teachers, and decreasing suspension and dropout rates; and,

22 WHEREAS, In particular, schools in the southeast section of San Francisco have been
23 unresponsive to previous attempts at eliminating segregation and raising academic
24 achievement levels; and,

1 WHEREAS, Research examining the effect of small schools on the achievement of
2 students from disadvantaged backgrounds has consistently shown positive outcomes,
3 including increased enrollment, decreased suspension rates and significantly higher
4 percentages of graduating students; and,

5 WHEREAS, A public school teachers organization, Small Schools for Equity, along
6 with a multicultural group of parents, students, educators and community members have
7 called for the establishment of an autonomous small schools system in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, On January 8th, 2002, San Francisco Board of Education members Mark
9 Sanchez and Eric Mar introduced a resolution establishing an autonomous small schools
10 policy; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the San Francisco
12 Board of Education's resolution calling for the development of an autonomous small school
13 policy; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the
15 clerk of the Board to forward copies of this resolution to the San Francisco Board of
16 Education and the Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District.
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March 4, 2002 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City and School District Committee

May 28, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 28, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Madeleine Licavoli
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.