[Supporting Increased Access to After-School Programs for all San Francisco Unified School District Students]

Resolution supporting increased access to After-School Programs for all San Francisco Unified School District students as part of a comprehensive educational plan.

WHEREAS, The last 30 years have shown a substantial increase in labor force participation by women with children and the U.S. Department of Labor reported that 77.3% of school-age children's mothers are in the labor force as of 2009; and

WHEREAS, 15.1 million children in the U.S. take care of themselves between the time they get home from school and the time their caregivers get home from work; and

WHEREAS, After-school programs offer a safe, educational and enriching alternative to leaving children home alone or otherwise unsupervised; and

WHEREAS, Children who spent time in after-school programs have better grades, better work habits, more positive relationships with their peers, and have the opportunity to develop creative thinking, problem-solving, communication and self-direction skills that are linked with success in school and in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Research demonstrates that high quality after-school programs provide valuable learning experiences that reinforce school day learning and enhance school success particularly in terms of increasing school attendance, connectedness to school, and accelerating re-designation rates for English learners, in addition to fostering positive socio-emotional skills that are critical for children and youth to thrive; and

WHEREAS, A 2008 survey by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time, Center for Research on Women, reported that in California, kids left unattended for three or more days a
week were twice as likely to hang out with gangs and more than three times more likely to use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD") is committed to increasing access to after-school programs for all of our students as part of a comprehensive educational plan; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families ("DCYF") and SFUSD have supported increasing access to and the quality of after-school programs through citywide alignment and coordination of after-school programs by creating and facilitating the After-School for All Advisory Council, recently renamed the Expanded learning Collaborative, which also includes the SF Recreation and Parks Department, SF Human Services Agency and SF Public Library, in addition to other public and private partners; and

WHEREAS, The SF Expanded Learning Collaborative has adopted a citywide definition (which is also used statewide) of "quality" for after-school and summer programs that includes elements of program assessment and design; program administration and finance; community partnerships and collaborations; alignment and linkage with the school day; program and environment safety; youth development; family involvement; staff recruitment and professional development; nutrition and physical activity; promoting diversity, equity, access and inclusion and effectively supporting English language learners; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD has recently limited transportation to private after-school programs as part of the budget-driven district-wide reduction in transportation; and

WHEREAS, There is currently a limited capacity for families to have access to after-school placements in their own children's schools; and

WHEREAS, The opportunity to maximize the educational value and alignment with school instructional programming of after-school learning will be enhanced if more students can attend after-school programs that are located within their own schools; and

Supervisors Kim, Mar, Yee, Avalos, Farrell, Cohen
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, Various current funding sources for after-school programs currently have different eligibility and application requirements and there is no uniform application process for SFUSD students; and
WHEREAS, DCYF has made a commitment to work collaboratively on efforts to increase access to after-school programming for all children and youth citywide; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports a policy priority for the SFUSD that, if it is the desire of their family, every K-5 SFUSD student should be able to attend an after-school program located on their own school site that is aligned with their school program and strongly encourages the development of plans and policies for the placement of after-school programs on the same school site such that the implementation plan is finalized by the 2014-2015 school year; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors encourages the SFUSD and DCYF to include policies on shared classroom space and site support resources in consultation with site administrators, teachers, and after-school program providers; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the SFUSD to develop a single uniform application for after-school programs on school sites in the SFUSD that may be accessible online and a district-wide approach to equitable family co-payments for after-school programs with an accompanying online payment system; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and the SFUSD is urged to explore the possibility of city-funded after-school programs using this uniform application, and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the SFUSD is encouraged to examine the possibility of changing school start times to better align with standard after-school programs; and,
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall request information from the SFUSD and the City regarding the development of the above-detailed policies and procedures as they evolve.
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November 05, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Wiener and Yee
Excused: 1 - Tang

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/5/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
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