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Supervisor Gordon Mar announces plan to fully fund educator salaries for next two years

[San Francisco] At Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Gordon Mar announced he’s authoring a plan to fully fund the gap in educator raises -- for both San Francisco Unified School District teachers and early childhood educators -- through FY 20-21, as the City determines how to spend extra revenue from the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (ERAF).

The details of Mar’s proposal will be made public at Wednesday's Budget & Finance Committee meeting, where it will be introduced as an amendment to Supervisor Aaron Peskin’s proposal to allocate $185m in ERAF funds by Budget Chair Sandra Lee Fewer.

“I recently held a town hall in my district on excess ERAF funds, and I heard from teachers and parents and students: we need to ensure teachers are paid, and paid fairly” said Mar. “Our children deserve great teachers, and our teachers deserve stability, certainty, and a living wage.”

The new proposal comes as the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor debate how best to use the extra ERAF money, while three 2018 ballot initiatives passed by San Francisco voters are on hold pending litigation: June’s Proposition C for early childcare and education, Proposition G for increasing teachers salaries, and November’s Proposition C for supportive and affordable housing and homelessness services. While the details are not yet public, Supervisor Mar’s amendment would provide for two full years of funding for the goals of all three initiatives.

“Voters made it clear that they want to give teachers a raise, fund supportive housing, and early education, and we can and should respect the will of the voters. With this amendment, we can fund the goals of June’s propositions C and G, as well as November’s proposition C, all of which I strongly supported” said Mar. “I want to thank UESF for their advocacy on this and so many important issues, thank my colleagues for the valuable dialogue these funds have initiated, and thank the many Sunset residents who have made their voices heard -- I am listening.”