Adopted, As Amended, by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of February 22, 2005

Subject: Resolution No. 51-11A1

In Support of the Institutionalization of Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools
- Commissioners Dan Kelly, Eric Mar, and Jill Wynns

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Board of Education recognizes the importance of maintaining good indoor air quality in the District’s schools and Child Development Centers and established an Indoor Air Quality Policy (Policy No: 3335) in 1998; and

WHEREAS: The District’s Indoor Air Quality Policy has never fully been implemented and the Board of Education now calls for the advancement of the policy, particularly the “Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools” program, as a high priority for the District; and

WHEREAS: Research studies have demonstrated a statistically significant reduction in perceived mental performance among students associated with increased indoor pollutant concentrations and lower ventilation rates; and

WHEREAS: Particulates and other pollutants in indoor air can increase the frequency and severity of asthma attacks; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District has adopted a District Wide Asthma Intervention Program; and

WHEREAS: “Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools” is designed to provide information and tools educators need to improve indoor air quality in a low-cost, practical manner; and

WHEREAS: Schools in San Francisco have reported that when they implement Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools there is:
- greater morale among students faculty and parents;
- better cooperation and communication among school and district personnel;
- increased awareness of existing policies and systems such as the work order system;
- willingness among faculty to take steps to improve indoor air quality;
- positive health outcomes, such as reduced inhaler use among students with asthma;
- reduced absenteeism among student and faculty, resulting in savings from ADA losses and substitutes; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Environmental Protections Agency will assist the School District with the implementation of Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools; and

WHEREAS: Two years after the adoption of the District’s Indoor Air Quality Policy, a group of concerned individuals from within and outside of the District came together to establish an ad-hoc Indoor Air Quality Policy Implementation Committee to advance the implementation of Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools; and
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education supports the extension of the Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program to all schools and Child Development Centers; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Unified School District shall institutionalize the US EPA’s “Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program” to ensure that the program is implemented in all District schools and Child Development Centers within six five years following the passage of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Superintendent shall develop a plan for the institutionalization of the US EPA’s “Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program” and shall present the plan to the San Francisco Board of Education within four months following the passage of this resolution; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education encourage appointment of a District Wide Air Quality Coordinator as soon as adequate funds can be identified; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the District shall establish an Indoor Air Quality Advisory Committee, which includes community representatives, to support provide technical assistance and community resources for the development, implementation, and on-going monitoring/evaluation of the plan; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That at the end of each academic year, the Superintendent shall provide a full report of the District’s progress in implementing the plan and this resolution to the Board of Education.

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Please Note:
- Referred by order of the Chair to the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee on 1/11/05.
- Taken up by the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee on 2/3/05. Forwarded to the Budget and Business Services Committee, as amended. New language in bold, italics, and underscored. Old language stricken out.
- Taken up by the Budget and Business Services Committee on 2/16/05. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation including recommendation to put in place the five-year implementation plan as developed by staff. Staff will review the amendments and request additional changes as may be necessary to allow the five-year plan to be implemented.
- Adopted, as amended, on 2/22/05. New language in bold; old language stricken out.