72-27Sp2 - In Support of Implementation of the SFUSD Arts Education Master Plan and Creation of an Arts Education Master Plan Advisory Committee

WHEREAS: The Board of Education, through passage of Resolution 52-22A5, “In Support of the Development of an Arts Education Master Plan,” expressed its continued support for arts education in the San Francisco Unified School District and its support for the development of a long-range master plan for arts education; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education, through passage of Resolution 61-10Sp3, “In Support of the Arts Education Master Plan,” endorsed the vision, goals and focus area recommendations for action of the Arts Education Master Plan (AEMP) created during a two and a half year period by stakeholders representing the district, the city, the arts community and parents; and

WHEREAS: A final draft of the AEMP was completed under the direction of the AEMP Steering Committee and was launched on September 28, 2006 at the Performing Arts Library and Museum by Interim Superintendent Gwen Chan and Mayor Gavin Newsom. Performances by SFUSD students and a diverse audience representing all stakeholders invested in the success of the plan—including teachers, administrators, parents, artists, arts providers and city representatives—communicated the plan’s vision for equity and access in arts education for all SFUSD students; and

WHEREAS: The AEMP has already served as an important guide for decisions about arts funding for music, dance, theatre, visual and literary arts, in the Public Education Enrichment Fund and in new state categorical programs; and

WHEREAS: Initial implementation of the AEMP has been very successful, primarily focusing on creating the necessary infrastructure that will allow for the successful realization of the plan, including the hire of credentialed arts specialists (FTEs) at the middle and high school level and the assignment of arts coordinators at each elementary school site. Powerful professional development and per pupil spending allocations for arts supplies and materials, will support quality arts education for every student at every SFUSD school; and

WHEREAS: The AEMP Steering Committee recommends that an ongoing advisory committee be constituted to champion the AEMP and monitor its implementation.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education endorses the ongoing implementation of the AEMP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests the Superintendent to constitute an Arts Education Master Plan Advisory Committee whose charge will be to:

1. Carry the vision of the AEMP and acts as advocates for its successful implementation
2. Communicate to all community stakeholders about the importance and meaning of the AEMP;
3. Monitor the implementation of the AEMP and assess its effectiveness; Capture best practices in implementation for replication;
4. Make recommendations to the Board’s designated advisory committee and the superintendent regarding the use of funds to support the AEMP;
5. Be stewards of funding for AEMP and support fund-raising efforts to support future needs;
6. Network with other districts and institutions to raise awareness about the AEMP; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That in order to reflect the idea of partnership that is central to the AEMP, the AEMP Committee, to be appointed by the Superintendent, shall be composed of the following members:

- the Chairman of the San Francisco Arts Education Funders Collaborative;
- two representatives of the San Francisco Arts Commission;
- a Chair of the Arts Providers Alliance of San Francisco;
- a representative from the Mayor’s Office;
- a representative from a local institute of higher education focused on the arts;
- a representative each from Parents for Public Schools and the local PTA;
- three SFUSD arts teachers (one from each Division: Elementary, Middle and High);
- three SFUSD principals (one from each Division: Elementary, Middle and High);
- one SFUSD student who currently participates on the Student Advisory Council;
- and other members and Central Office staff members at the discretion of the Superintendent;
- one additional arts provider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education hereby dissolves the Arts Education Master Plan Steering Committee and, in doing so, again thanks the members for their ongoing leadership for arts education in San Francisco.