SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Francisco, California

Superintendent’s Proposal

42-10Sp1 – RENAMING OF SMALL SCHOOL FOR EQUITY TO
JUNE JORDAN SCHOOL FOR EQUITY

WHEREAS: Small School for Equity (SSE) opened this year as a new high school
through the San Francisco Unified School District’s Secondary School Redesign
Initiative; and

WHEREAS: A process of community input into the renaming of Small School for
Equity has taken place. That process included the entire student body and staff at SSE, as
well as parents and community members, and

WHEREAS: All of the students in the inaugural ninth grade class at SSE participated in
a naming project to identify a name for their school. The students selected the name June
Jordan School for Equity; and

WHEREAS: June Jordan was one of the most prolific African American poets and
essayists in the United States; and

WHEREAS: June Jordan empowered young people to be leaders and unleash their
creative expression. Through her Poetry for the People project at the University of
California, Berkeley, Ms. Jordan developed a powerful student leadership model and
worked with young people of all races; and

WHEREAS: June Jordan was a local leader who championed civil rights causes that cut
across cultural, racial, and class boundaries.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Small School for Equity be renamed June
Jordan School for Equity.

2/10/04
3/9/04

Please Note:
➢ Referred to the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee by order of the Chair on 2/10/04.
➢ Taken up at the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee on 3/3/04. Forwarded to the Board of
  Education with a positive recommendation from Committee.