Subject: Resolution No. 46-8A11

A New High School Classroom Capacity At McAteer

- Commissioner Eddie Y. Chin

WHEREAS: The high schools in the Richmond and Sunset Districts are the most popular schools in the City, and where there are students unassigned and are on the waiting lists for these high schools; and

WHEREAS: Traveling across town to another school exacts a heavy time toll to the students’ study time and after-school activities and a reduction of commuting time would be beneficial to such students; and

WHEREAS: In “Excellence for All”, it states “students residing in all areas will have access to schools reasonably close to their homes,” and

WHEREAS: Many parents and students are requesting solutions to existing enrollment opportunities that will reduce the commute time; and

WHEREAS: Family dissatisfaction with the existing enrollment opportunities can contribute to the increasing decreased enrollment in the School District beginning four years ago and is still declining. The projection is to be another 1500 less students enrolled in SFUSD; and

WHEREAS: The site, formerly occupied by McAteer High School, was built for 2000 students and is now occupied by the School of the Arts (SOTA) with 800 students, has excess capacity pursuant to the Facilities Master Capacity Plan; and

WHEREAS: McAteer site is located in the central area of the City and is conveniently situated for commuting by the affected students; and SOTA has been relocated to McAteer awaiting the completion of a new school site at the Civic Center area pursuant to the Prop. A bond and pending the additional fund raising of public funds; and

WHEREAS: SOTA has coexisted with students and staffs from the Community Day School Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That upon the passage of this resolution, the Superintendent and staff shall engage the community at large and SOTA stakeholders to create a small and separate academic high school with a target freshman student body of 150 for 2004-2005 school year. Staff shall report back on the feasibility of this time frame as soon as possible after the passage of this resolution.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That staff shall report back on the feasibility of creating a small and separate academic high school with a target freshman student body of 150 for the 2004-2005 or subsequent school years after the passage of this resolution.

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Please Note:
- Referred on 6/8/04 to the Buildings, Grounds, and Services and Curriculum and Program Committees by order of the Chair.
- Taken up by the Curriculum & Program Committee on 6/16/04. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation as amended.
- Taken up by the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee on 6/17/04. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation as amended. The letter “s” taken off of the word “years”.
- Adopted, as amended, on 6/22/04. Old language stricken out; new language in **bold**, _italics_, and underscored.