Subject: Resolution No. 43-9A3
In Support of Dream Schools
   - Commissioners Heather A. Hiles, Dan Kelly, Jill Wynns, Eddie Y. Chin
   and Student Delegate Alan Wong

WHEREAS: The Dream Schools Initiative seeks to improve the lowest performing schools of the San Francisco Unified School District; and

WHEREAS: These underperforming schools are comprised almost exclusively of the highest need, most at-risk, minority students and families with a broad array of needs; and

WHEREAS: The first group of Dream Schools will be based on Dr. Lorraine Monroe’s model that has had demonstrated success with said “at-risk” youth in New York; and

WHEREAS: African American and Latino community leaders, teachers, parents, and other school community members in San Francisco have participated in a process to assess the applicability of Dr. Monroe’s model to be implemented in San Francisco and are working to insure successful implementation of the program; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent and her staff have determined that this reform model process for community engagement holds promise for turning around underperforming schools in five locations in the city; and

WHEREAS: The Dream Schools are being designed to include critical academic pre-and after-school supports to children, counseling and other supports to youth, and social services to family and community members.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District supports the roll out of the Dream Schools pilot program first phase at Dr. Charles R. Drew, Twenty First Century Academy and Gloria R. Davis schools for the Fall of 2004.

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