Subject: Resolution No. 45-25A16

Resolution to Provide Harassment, Assault and Abuse Training
To School District Staff
- Commissioner Heather A. Hiles

WHEREAS: Child abuse is a community problem and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

WHEREAS: It is estimated that three children die each day in this country as a result of child abuse and over 573,000 cases were reported in California last year and more than 6,000 in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS: Identification of abuse is the first step to strengthening our efforts in prevention and early intervention and citizens and professionals who deal with children play a critical role in protecting innocent children who may be suffering from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS: Under California state law, specific professional groups, including educators, are mandated to report known or suspected child abuse and as an educator you are in a unique position to help abused children escape pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS: Symptoms or signs of harassment and abuse are often first seen by school personnel, it is imperative that school personnel receive training on child abuse reporting and legal responsibilities on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center is willing to provide free training to teachers and school staff throughout the School District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District requests that the Superintendent of Schools work with it’s community partners (coordinated by the Child Abuse Prevention Center) in providing yearly supporting training to the District’s teachers, principals, school site administrators, counselors, nurses, supervisors of child welfare and attendance and other designated school personnel, regarding the identification and mandatory reporting of harassment and abuse, beginning school year 2004-2005.

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Please Note:
- Referred by Order of the Chair on 5/25/04 to the Curriculum and Program Committee.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 6/16/04. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation as amended. Old language stricken out; new language in bold, italics, underscored.
- Adopted, as amended, on 6/22/04. Old language stricken out; new language in bold, italics, & underscored.