Resolved, in Substitute Form, by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of June 22, 2004

Subject: Resolution No. 46-8A10

Resolution to Increase Public Input in Program and School Placement
- Commissioners Sarah Lipson, Heather A. Hiles, Mark Sanchez, Eddie Y. Chin and Student Delegate Jason Wong

WHEREAS: It has been the goal of the San Francisco Unified School District to involve schools and communities in the decision-making process; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD’s policy and practice of academic planning and site-based budgeting has been an example of the School District’s commitment to empowering schools. Over the past few years the district has provided training and support to School Site Councils, furthering the goal of empowering school sites; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD has initiated a long-range facilities planning process, as required by the Excellence For All plan. Phase I of this Facilities Master Plan, which includes analyses of demographics and capacity, is complete and available on the District’s website; and

WHEREAS: Community members have had input into the Facilities Master Plan through participation on working groups and public meetings about the plan; and

WHEREAS: The District’s Program Placement Committee, which is responsible for recommending the placement of new classrooms, programs, and schools throughout the District in alignment with the goals of Excellence For All, has encouraged schools to consult with communities before bringing forward proposals.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Board of Education directs staff to prioritize the completion of the remaining phases of the Facilities Master Plan. These additional phases should continue to include extensive community involvement, including convening in every supervisory district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any program or school site changes be made in alignment with the San Francisco Unified School District’s long range facilities needs and goals.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the District’s Program Placement Committee expand its procedures to ensure that affected communities have input into proposals for changes to any program or school site use. This input process shall include School Site Councils and shall provide adequate time for school communities to convene and discuss proposed changes.

Substitute Motion
6/8/04
6/22/04