SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Francisco, California

Superintendent’s Resolution

71-23Sp2 Establishing a District Policy for General Public Notification Regarding Changes in Use of District-Owned Properties

WHEREAS: The District is engaged in a long-range planning process focused on the enrollment, recruitment, and retention of students in the San Francisco Unified School District. The planning process is addressing how policies and practices around student enrollment can support the achievement of the following goals:

- Closing the achievement gap
- Providing all students equitable access to high-quality educational services in integrated learning environments; and
- Sustaining and building student enrollment to strengthen the District’s fiscal condition.

The process is expected to result in a long-range action plan by the end of March 2007 for approval by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS: The community is involved in the long-range planning process through the work of an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Board of Education and a Community Advisory Committee, as well as through a community engagement process that involves over 60 community listening conversations; and

WHEREAS: As part of the planning process, the District is assessing its real estate holdings and the uses of all District-owned properties. It is possible that, over the next several years, the District will change the uses of properties in order to meet the goals noted above; and

WHEREAS: The District has convened a District Advisory Committee on Surplus Space and Real Property – following specific provisions of the Education Code surrounding the composition and charge of the committee – to develop recommendations and guidelines regarding the acceptable use of surplus District space and real property. The Committee has prepared a draft report, which includes the identification of specific properties as surplus. The Committee is in the process of scheduling a public hearing to solicit input on its recommendations; and

WHEREAS: The District recognizes that surrounding neighborhoods and communities have an interest in decisions about the use of District property.
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests staff to include in the action plan for Student Enrollment Recruitment and Retention specific recommendations for a policy to govern the process of public notification regarding changes in use of District-owned properties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests staff to take steps to publicize the public hearing of the District Advisory Committee on Surplus Space and Real Property beyond what is required under the Brown Act. These steps shall include, but not be limited to:

- Publicizing the meeting and publishing the Committee’s draft report on the District’s webpage;
- Placing an advertisement in a city-wide public newspaper;
- Posting a notice of the meeting in a prominent location at each of the proposed surplus sites identified in the notice; and
- Working with members of the Board of Supervisors to identify specific neighborhood and community organizations that can assist the district in raising awareness about the meeting; and

*Working with the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Services to assist in publicizing the meeting; and*

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the District shall assess the effectiveness of these outreach strategies as a basis for developing a long-term policy for public notification.