Adopted by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of June 28, 2005

Superintendent's Proposal

56-14Sp3 - Renaming the Twenty First Century College Preparatory Academy as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. College Preparatory Academy

WHEREAS: Willie Lewis Brown, Jr. has served the citizens of San Francisco with great distinction for four decades, including 32 years as a member of the California State Assembly, 15 years as Speaker of the Assembly, and 8 years as the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco. His long list of accomplishments include major projects to boost the local economy and the assembling of a city administration more diverse than any other before it; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Brown has always been a friend and ally to the students, families teachers, staff, and administrators of the San Francisco Unified School District. He championed increased resources for education at the State and local level and he was a strong supporter of efforts to improve schools in disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS: Mayor Brown’s personal story serves as an inspiration to African Americans and to all of San Francisco’s youth. Born in the rural segregated community of Mineola, Texas, Mr. Brown moved to San Francisco, worked his way through college at San Francisco State University and Hastings Law School, and embarked on a storied political career; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent suggested to the community of the Twenty First Century College Preparatory Academy that the school be renamed in Mayor Brown’s honor as a fitting tribute to his legacy of leadership and commitment to the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhoods. Mr. Brown’s personal story is precisely the kind of example that the District wants the students of the Dream Schools, including Twenty First Century, to see in their educational experience; and

WHEREAS: The stakeholders of the Twenty First Century College Preparatory Academy community, including the School Site Council, have endorsed this recommendation from the Superintendent.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District deems it appropriate and fitting to honor Willie Lewis Brown, Jr., by naming a school after him; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District renames Twenty First Century College Preparatory Academy as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. College Preparatory Academy; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That, in passing this resolution, the Board of Education suspends Policy P3662, which states that buildings shall not be named “after a person living at the time the building is erected.”

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