Adopted, by Suspension of the Rules at First Reading, at the Special Meeting of the Board on March 22, 2005

Subject: Resolution No. 53-22SM1

School Consolidation Policy
- Commissioners Norman Yee and Jill Wynns

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District, like many others in the Bay Area and the State, faces conditions that may require the closure of schools this year and in the future. These include severely inadequate state funding, declining enrollment in the District and particular schools, and changing programmatic needs, and

WHEREAS: The number of school-age children in San Francisco has declined precipitously in recent years, while the District is still operating the same number of schools that it did in 1987, and

WHEREAS: The District has had to face school closures in the past and had used particular criteria for this process, and

WHEREAS: The public, including the stakeholders in the School District (students, parents, teachers and staff), should know what criteria are being used to determine which schools will be closed, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education is committed to including our partners in the development of a process to help transition students and staff from a closing school to a new school, and

WHEREAS: The need to address these conditions in the current year means that a decision on school closures must be made in the next few weeks.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education requests that the administration draft a School Consolidation Policy describing the criteria considered in school closures and the student and staff transition plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the criteria for school closure should take into consideration the following:

- Enrollment trends including total enrollment, numbers of requests and trends in requests for the school
- Number of students enrolled versus the capacity of the facility
- Co-location of other programs at the facility
- Performance
- Estimated savings
- Proximity to other schools
- Continued availability of similar curricular programs
- Programmatic considerations including Special Education, after-school and Child Development programs, and charter schools
- Condition and type of facility
- Access/transportation availability
- Traffic conditions
- Safety
- Legal obligations of the district, including desegregation obligations and Prop 39 obligations to charter schools
- Community uses of the building
FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the administration present a draft School Consolidation Policy plan to the Board of Education at the April 12, 2005 regular meeting of Board of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education will consider both the adoption of the policy and the closure of schools for the 2005-2006 School Year at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on April 26, 2005.