

*Adopted by the Board of Education, on Suspension of the Rules at First Reading, at its  
Regular Meeting of April 12, 2011*

Subject: Resolution No. 114-12A4

**In Support of the Kinder Card and First Card Program between the  
San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and the San Francisco Unified  
School District**

- Commissioners Hydra B. Mendoza, Sandra Lee Fewer, Kim-Shree Maufas, Emily M. Murase, Rachel Norton, Jill Wynns, and Norman Yee

**WHEREAS:** Literacy and educational success for San Francisco's children is important to the present and future of our City; and

**WHEREAS:** The San Francisco Public Library ( SFPL) and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) are committed to fostering literacy and educational success for the City's children; and

**WHEREAS:** There are approximately 11,000 kindergarten and first grade students in the SFUSD; and

**WHEREAS:** Possession of a public library card allows children access to a wide array of materials and resources; and

**WHEREAS:** 81,425 of the City's school age children and youth received introduction to, and instruction in the use of SFPL resources in 2009-2010; and

**WHEREAS:** 47,688 of those receiving instruction were in kindergarten and elementary school; and

**WHEREAS:** In order to succeed, children need access to the widest possible resources from the beginning of their school career; and

**WHEREAS:** The Kinder Card and First Card Program promotes SFPL and SFUSD working together to distribute library card applications and issue library cards to every SFUSD student in kindergarten and first grade by the end of the school year in order to achieve the above goals.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District hereby supports the Kinder Card and First Card Program between SFPL and the SFUSD and ensures the shared awareness by our Board Members, the City Supervisors and the public of this important program for the public school children of the City and County of San Francisco.

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