

**SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
San Francisco, California**

Superintendent's Proposal

116-14Sp3 - Availability of Tap Water in School Cafeterias

WHEREAS: SB 1413 requires California school districts to provide access to free, fresh drinking water during meal times in the food service areas of schools under the district's jurisdiction, including areas where reimbursable meals under the National School Lunch or the federal School Breakfast Program are served or consumed by July 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS: SB 1413 was adopted by the California State Legislature and signed into law on September 30, 2010; and

WHEREAS: The governing board of a school district may adopt a resolution stating that it is unable to comply with the above requirements due to fiscal constraints or health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS: San Francisco Unified School District recognizes the importance of access to water to avoid poor hydration which can result in impaired cognition, altered mood, and reduced ability to engage in physical activity; and

WHEREAS: Some SFUSD schools have water fountains in the cafeterias and some do not; and

WHEREAS: Health and food safety regulations prohibit the use of reusable pitchers and glasses without equipment and facility upgrades to allow daily washing and sanitizing; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD is working collaboratively with the Public Utilities Commission, the San Francisco Department of the Environment, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health (Environmental Health) on a "Global Tap" initiative to install tap water stations in five pilot schools in the summer of 2011 followed by additional schools in future school years; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD is seeking other public and private funding sources to provide drinking water where school food is served; and

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WHEREAS: SFUSD is including the installation of tap water access points in plans for the upcoming facilities bond to be on the ballot in November , 2011; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD is facing substantial budget deficits that have resulted in teacher layoffs for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 school years; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD is expanding the “breakfast in the classroom” program in middle schools and high schools, financial and health and safety constraints will prevent SFUSD from providing additional tap water outlets in classrooms.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED : That the SFUSD will have tap water available in cafeterias in schools with existing water fountains as well as the five pilot schools receiving tap water stations as a part of the Global Tap initiative and those that can be funded by other public and private sources; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED : That financial constraints and health and safety regulations will limit the ability of SFUSD to provide additional tap water outlets in the cafeterias and other areas of the remaining schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED : That the SFUSD will work toward the goal of having permanent access to tap water in each cafeteria by the 2015-2016 school year.

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Please note:

- Referred by order of the Chair on 6/14/11 to the Buildings, Grounds, and Services Committee.
- Adopted on 6/28/11.

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