

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

**SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSAL  
Regular Meeting of September 23, 2014**

**SUBJECT: Resolution No. 149-23Sp2  
REVISIONS TO BOARD POLICY P5101 – STUDENT ASSIGNMENT**

**REQUESTED ACTION:** *That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District adopt the revisions outlined in the attached student assignment policy - Board Policy P5101 - as amended herein, and that the Board suspends its Student Assignment Board Policy provision requiring revisions to be made three months before SFUSD begins accepting applications so the revisions to P5101 shall be effective immediately.*

**BACKGROUND:** Willie L. Brown, Jr., Middle School (Brown), is scheduled to open in August 2015, and the Board of Education has asked the Superintendent to create systems and structures that will maximize Brown's opportunity attract a robust and diverse student body and give priority to students living in 94124.

On August 26, 2014 the Board of Education approved a temporary student assignment process that gave priority to Brown applicants in the following order:

1. younger siblings of students who are enrolled in and will be attending the school during the year for which the younger sibling requests attendance;
2. students attending 5<sup>th</sup> grade at one of the following eight elementary schools: Dr. George Washington Carver, Dr. Charles Drew, Bret Harte, Malcolm X Academy, Gordon J. Lau, Miraloma, George R. Moscone, Edward R. Taylor (Brown preference);
3. students who reside in 94124 (94124 preference);
4. students who reside in CTIP1 census tracts;
5. all other students.

This temporary student assignment process was designed to give priority to students living in 94124, support robust enrollment, and help create academic and racial/ethnic diversity. The Board of Education believes that giving students who attend 5<sup>th</sup> grade at an elementary school in the Bayview a higher priority than students attending schools outside the Bayview might enhance our opportunity to achieve these goals.

Therefore, the revisions outlined on page 9 of the attached student assignment policy (P5101) give priority to Brown applicants in the following order:

1. younger siblings of students who are enrolled in and will be attending the school during the year for which the younger sibling requests attendance;
2. students attending 5th grade at one of the following four elementary schools: Dr. George Washington Carver, Dr. Charles Drew, Bret Harte, Malcolm X Academy (Bayview preference);
3. students who reside in 94124 (94124 preference);
4. students who reside in CTIP1 census tracts;
5. ~~students attending 5th grade at one of the following four elementary schools: Gordon J. Lau, Miraloma, George R. Moscone, Edward R. Taylor (Brown preference)~~
6. all other students.

In addition to modifying the order of priorities for students applying to Brown, we believe that modifying the student assignment policy to create a high school priority for students who attend 6th, 7th, and 8th grade at Brown middle school will help Brown attract a robust and diverse student body.

Therefore the revisions outlined on page 12 of the attached student assignment policy (P5101) modify the high school choice process to give preference to applicants in transitional years in the following order:

1. younger siblings of students who are enrolled in and will be attending the school during the year for which the younger sibling requests attendance;
2. students graduating from Willie L. Brown, Jr. Middle School (Brown) who were enrolled in and attended Brown in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade;
3. CTIP1, with a minimum of 20% of seats reserved at each high school for students who live in CTIP1 census tracts;
4. all other students

This new tiebreaker would become effective in the 2018-19 school year when Brown's first cohort of students graduate from middle school and apply to high school and will continue for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years, but may be reviewed, modified or extended for future implementation.

**Old language ~~stricken out.~~ New language in *italics and underscored.***