San Francisco Board of Education Approves Budget
*Focus on Equitable Supports for Students* 
*and $10 Million for Staff Raises*

June 25, 2014 (San Francisco) – The San Francisco Board of Education unanimously approved a budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 and will submit a balanced budget to the State of California by the annual June 30 deadline.

The school district’s budget for next year totals $715 million in expenditures. Approximately $403 million of revenue will come from the state’s Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), compared to $363 million from the state last year. The LCFF accounts for the majority of state funds for SFUSD.

"We’re still climbing out of the cellar, so to speak, from where we were in 2007," said Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Operations Myong Leigh, referring to the recession when state funding was reduced continuously for about five years.

**Adoption of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
The board also approved its Local Control Accountability Plan, which all school districts are now required to adopt. The document shows how SFUSD will spend its supplemental funds.

Similar to how SFUSD looks to the community for input on school site budgets and plans, parents, community members, and organizations were consulted during the creation of the district’s LCAP. The district worked with the Board of Education’s Parent Advisory Council (PAC), the District English Learners Advisory Committee (DELAC), and other organizations to hold a series of focus groups and public forums. Community partners in this outreach included Chinese for Affirmative Action, Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, Mission Graduates, Parents for Public Schools, the District PTA, Support for Families of Children with Disabilities, and the Coalition to Close the Gap (a combination community groups, United Educators of San Francisco, and Service Employees International Union).

“I’m pleased to see that we are gaining momentum in this new process,” said School Board President Sandra Fewer, after detailed discussion of the plan during last night’s meeting. Fewer also agreed with the formation of an LCAP task force to review implementation of the plan, inform community engagement, and provide overall updates to the board.
“I'm happy to say that this LCAP is ‘dripping’ with equity,” said Superintendent Richard A. Carranza, referring to the document’s focus on high-needs students and how it reflects the District’s continuous work to close the achievement gap.

**Highlights of the 2014-15 Budget**
The Local Control Funding Formula gives school districts more flexibility to address academic needs at each school. For SFUSD, approximately $10 million will begin to restore school budgets – which suffered during the recession due to decreased state funds – as well as provide additional support for schools.

SFUSD’s Local Control Funding Formula revenue is projected to increase by $39.8 million as the State gradually implements the LCFF. Based on current projections, lease and rental income is projected to increase by approximately $1 million, and sales tax is expected to increase by about $1.5 million.

Increases to SFUSD expenditures include salary and benefits increases ($10 million); Weighted Student Formula and other site-based budget allocations ($5.3 million); investments in centrally-budgeted supports to sites ($4.4 million); and classified retirement and other benefits costs ($4.3 million). Other increases include a higher contribution to Special Education ($4.1 million); increased employer contribution for CAL-STRS based on the Governor’s proposal ($1.5 million); step and column salary increases ($2.3 million); and expanding transitional kindergarten classrooms ($1.1 million).

The district’s budget assumptions are subject to change due to various factors, including negotiations with its teachers union and other bargaining units. A settlement with the teachers union has not been reached.

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