

Adopted by the Board of Education, at First Reading on suspension of the rules, at its Regular Meeting of January 26, 2010

Subject: Resolution No. **101-26A3**

**Joining a Statewide Day of Action in Support of Education:
March 4, 2010**

-Commissioner Rachel Norton

WHEREAS: Education plays a vital role in our state's future economic health and the aspirations of millions of California families; and

WHEREAS: K-12 schools in California have absorbed \$17 billion in total cuts over the past two years, representing 60 percent of all the budget cuts made over the same period; and

WHEREAS: California is now 46th of 50 states in overall K-12 per-pupil education spending; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School district now faces budget cuts of over \$2,000 per student through 2011-12, possibly requiring class size increases, staff furloughs, wage freezes or other draconian cuts; and

WHEREAS: California's community colleges, state university system and the University of California system have suffered equally devastating cuts since 2007; and

WHEREAS: Labor organizations including the California Federation of Teachers, California Faculty Association, United Educators of San Francisco, and the San Francisco Labor Council, are organizing rallies and demonstrations in San Francisco, Sacramento and across the state on March 4, 2010, a Day of Action to support education funding; and

WHEREAS: The March 4 Day of Action will emphasize three themes: restoring the promise of public education; a government that works for all of the people; and restoring a fair tax system that adequately funds state services; and

WHEREAS: In San Francisco, parents, students, teachers, staff and administrators will gather at 4 p.m. in front of the State office building at 505 Van Ness Ave to express support for adequate K-12 education funding, and at 5 p.m. move to City Hall Plaza between Polk and Larkin Sts. to rally in support of California's higher education system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District strongly endorses the statewide Day of Action on March 4, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education urges the staff, parents and students of the San Francisco Unified School District, as well as all other community members who support a robust and adequately-funded public education system in the state of California, to attend the above-described rallies on the afternoon of March 4; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education encourages school communities across the district to observe the Day of Action through activities such as letter-writing campaigns, noontime rallies, or other organized responses that underscore the importance of supporting and funding public education in California.

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