

Adopted by the Board of Education, as amended, at its Regular Meeting of September 12, 2006

Subject: Resolution No. 68-22A1

Modifications to the Student Assignment Method for the 2007-08 School Year
- Commissioners Norman Yee and Sarah Lipson

WHEREAS: The Board of Education recognizes that a long-range plan regarding student enrollment should address multiple inter-related issues, including but not limited to district-wide demographics, school-level demographics, the student assignment method, outreach and recruitment, potential City agency partnerships, programs and services, and facilities utilization; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent and staff are developing a long-range plan for student enrollment, recruitment and retention that will support closing the achievement gap, providing all students equitable access to high-quality educational services in integrated learning environments, and sustaining and building student enrollment to strengthen the District's fiscal condition; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education has established a Community Advisory Committee on Student Enrollment, Recruitment and Retention (CACSERR) and an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to review and analyze current conditions prepared by staff and findings from the community engagement process; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education wishes to engage the San Francisco community in a robust planning process in order to increase awareness, understanding and commitment to the long-range plan; and

WHEREAS: Decisions regarding changes to the student assignment method need to occur well in advance of the enrollment period so changes can be communicated to the San Francisco community through multilingual outreach and recruitment materials; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education plans to present proposals to modify the student assignment for the 2008-09 school year to the San Francisco community before December 2006; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education wishes to make minor modifications to the student assignment method on time for the 2007-08 school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to eliminate Mother's Educational Background from the diversity index lottery **and replace it with a factor for extreme poverty. The five factors for the diversity index lottery would be:** ~~thereby giving more weight to the four remaining factors:~~

- 1. extreme poverty**
2. socio economic status
3. home language
4. API of sending school
5. student's academic achievement; and

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FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to increase efforts to verify students' home addresses to decrease fraud; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to increase outreach and recruitment efforts, particularly among communities that traditionally do not enroll by the first deadline when placement options are greatest; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to conduct surveys and focus groups to collect data on participation patterns of families applying to SFUSD schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to increase efforts to promote SFUSD schools internally and externally; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to continue to build strong working relationships with community organizations that serve the children of San Francisco; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and staff to provide a priority in the student assignment ~~system~~ **appeals process** to permanent site-based ~~certificated~~ staff who live in San Francisco and who wish to have their child attend the school where they **currently** work **and have worked full time for at least three years.**

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9/12/06

Please Note:

- Referred by order of the Chair on 8/22/06 to the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee.
- Taken up by the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee on 8/30/06. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee. Staff to submit amendments to the Board per Committee discussion.
- Adopted, as amended, on 9/12/06.