

*Adopted by the Board of Education, at First Reading on Suspension of the Rules, at its Regular Meeting
of April 28, 2009*

Subject: Resolution No. 94-28A5
**Declaring May 28, 2009, Bike to School Day, and Urging All SFUSD Schools to
Encourage Students to Bicycle to School and Promote Bicycle Safety**
- Commissioner Jane Kim

WHEREAS: The Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District supports efforts to make our communities better places to walk and bicycle in the interest of creating the healthiest and safest school and community environments so that all our students have the best opportunities to learn; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education, in the interest of fighting childhood obesity, promoting healthier student and staff lifestyles, and supporting stronger academic achievement for all, encourages principals to promote bicycling to school as a means of healthy transportation; and

WHEREAS: Studies have shown that students who took part in more vigorous physical activities did approximately 10 percent better in core classes such as math, science, English and social studies; and

WHEREAS: Studies have shown that if the number of kids who walk and bike to school was restored to 1969 levels, our nation would cut 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of CO₂, and 89,000 tons of other pollutants annually, the equivalent of keeping more than 250,000 cars off the road for a year; and

WHEREAS: Bike to School Day encourages students, faculty, and parents to organize group rides to schools and engage students in activities around bicycling on May 28, 2009 and beyond; and

WHEREAS: Bike to School Day is presented in partnership with the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority, The Mayor's Challenge: Shape Up SF Initiative, and the Presidio Community YMCA Bicycle Program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the SFUSD Board of Education declares May 28, 2009 Bike to School Day and encourages SFUSD students, staff and parents to participate in Bike to School Day and bicycle to school throughout the school year; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District endorses the mission of Bike to School Day to raise awareness about the health and environmental benefits of bicycling to school and encourages bicycle safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education encourages all of its teachers to engage their students around the benefits of bicycling in the interest of creating the healthiest and safest school and community environments and promoting healthier lifestyles.

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