

Subject: Resolution No. 69-26A2

**Lunar New Year Holiday Observed, Effective 2007-08 School Year**

- Commissioners Norman Yee, Sarah Lipson and Eddie Y. Chin

**WHEREAS:** San Francisco has one of the largest Asian American community outside of Asia; and

**WHEREAS:** San Francisco Unified School District student population consists of over 50% Asian American of the students; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year is the most widely observed holiday for families in San Francisco's Asian American communities and countries of the Pacific Rim; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year has been observed by the District since 1994 by not having schools be in session when the Lunar New Year day fell on a weekday; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lunar New Year has not been observed by the District whenever it fell on a weekend day.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** In recognition of the significance of this day for the San Francisco school community, schools in San Francisco will not be in session on the Lunar New Year day; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** *That the Board of Education directs staff to take appropriate steps to implement this observance, including negotiating with our bargaining units to accomplish this goal without additional cost to the District,* so that effective, starting with the 2007-08 school year, if the Lunar New Year day were to fall on the weekend, schools will not be in session on the day before or the day after the weekend depending on which day is closest to the actual Lunar New Year day.

9/26/06

12/12/06

**Please Note:**

- Referred on 9/26/06 by order of the Chair to the Budget and Business Services Committee.
- Taken up by the Budget and Business Services Committee on 10/18/06. Forwarded to the Board, as amended, with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee. *New language in bold, italics, and underscored.*
- Adopted, as amended, on 12/12/06. **New language in very bold, and underscored.**