

Subject: Resolution No. 36-10A9

Commending the Child Development Program on Its Sixtieth Anniversary and Potential Expansion of the Availability of Childcare Programs in the San Francisco Unified School District

- Commissioners Jill Wynn, Sarah Lipson, Eddie Y. Chin, Emilio B. Cruz, Dan Kelly, Eric Mar, and Mark Sanchez

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District is now celebrating the 60th Anniversary of its Child Development Program that provides a wide array of services to some 5000 children in such areas as infant care, early childhood education and before- and-after school enrichment; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs, agencies and teachers who serve our city's children deserve recognition for the significant roles they play in sustaining families and in enhancing their overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS: The activities and curriculum in the SFUSD's Child Development Programs are developmentally appropriate, and responsive to the diversity of our children's cultures and language, as well as to special needs of exceptional children; and

WHEREAS: California falls behind the rest of the country in providing access to preschool programs, especially for low-income and minority children; and

WHEREAS: Recent data analyzed by the California Research Bureau showed that preschool programs are least accessible to children who would benefit the most, primarily low-income and minority children; and

WHEREAS: Quality preschool results in significant future cost savings in social and rehabilitative services to children, including special education and juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS: Current brain research and an international move towards universal pre-kindergarten education demonstrate that focusing resources early is essential; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's had proposed shifting the responsibility for child development programs from educational agencies to counties and this idea may be included in future state budgets or other legislation; and

WHEREAS: If this realignment were to take place it would undermine school readiness efforts and linkages between early education and California's educational system (K-12);

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Board of Education
hereby commends the San Francisco
Unified School District Child Development Program on the occasion of the sixtieth
anniversary of its founding, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is proud to recognize
and honor the staff of the Child Development
Program for the invaluable role they play in the lives of the children of San Francisco;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education opposes any re-
alignment of Child Development programs from the
supervision of education agencies, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education recognizes that
universal pre-kindergarten education is an essential
component in closing the educational opportunity gap and providing educational equity
for all children, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education is interested in
expanding the availability of both pre-school and
school-age childcare for the students of the City of San Francisco by using the available
resources of the district, including school buildings, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board requests that the Superintendent and
her staff investigate the possibility of facilitating the
provision of before-and-after-school childcare at every elementary school by using
multiple strategies including possible new contracts with community-based providers,
changes in our licensing with the state, and cooperation with the Prop 10 Commission,
among others; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That any expansion of the childcare and child
development program will be funded without any
additional negative impact on the district budget, including seeking additional potential
sources of funding.

6/10/03

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Please Note:

- Referred to the Curriculum & Program Committee by order of the Chair on 6/10/03.
- Taken up by the Curriculum & Program Committee on 6/18/03. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation to adopt.
- Adopted 6/24/03

