

Subject: Resolution No. 310-28A5

In Support of Asthma Action Plans

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

WHEREAS: Asthma is a complex disease that requires a multi-faceted response; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Asthma Task Force created and presented the *Strategic Plan on Asthma for the City and County of San Francisco* to the San Francisco Health Commission on May 6, 2003 and to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Services Committee on July 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS: Studies show that asthma is the #1 chronic illness resulting in school absences; and

WHEREAS: Studies show more severe health effects for students with asthma in disadvantaged socioeconomic groups which comprise a high percentage of San Francisco Unified School District students; and

WHEREAS: The use of asthma action plans has been shown to remove obstacles faced by children with asthma helping them to reduce school absenteeism and achieve in school; and

WHEREAS: Prominent State and national organizations including the California Department of Education, the California Department of Health Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAA), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, (NHBLI) and the American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended the use of Asthma Action Plans by school and child care facilities to help manage asthma and prevent emergencies; and

WHEREAS: The SFUSD recently secured two grants to address asthma, and high quality staff in school health who have shown their initiative in initiating other innovative health programs; and

WHEREAS: The SFUSD Board of Education's Resolution 34-22A11 has noted the high quality of the Child Development Program (CDP) with exceptional personnel being well-positioned to enhance the capacity of its teachers and staff to care for children with asthma, and has commended Parent Voices and the SFUSD CDP for their work and accomplishments in addressing the needs of students with asthma and the professional development needs of staff.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That in line with the recommendation of the Schools and Child Development Committee of the San Francisco Asthma Task Force, that all K-12 schools and Child Development Centers in SFUSD will have on file an Asthma Action Plan (also called an Asthma Management Plan) developed by an authorized healthcare provider for every child with diagnosed asthma, and the asthma action plan may be used to develop a student's Individual School Health Plan (ISHP) which is developed by a qualified school nurse and the parent/guardian and student; and

~~**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Information on how to use Asthma Action Plans will be given to all teachers and other key staff; and~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That teachers and other key personnel at all K-12 Schools and Child Development Centers will have quick and easy access to the Asthma Action Plans for all on and off-site activities and that teachers and other key personnel will be given an orientation on the purpose and use of the Asthma Action Plans; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That all schools K-12, Special Education and Child Development Centers (see resolution No. 34-22A11) post in every classroom an Asthma Emergency Plan that contains information about warning signs of asthma and steps to take in the event of an asthma episode or asthma emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the proposals in this resolution be implemented over a three year period, starting academic year 2003-2004; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That at the end of each academic year, the Superintendent shall report the District's progress to the Board of Education; and at the end of the three year period, the Board of Education shall assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the Asthma Action Plans to determine whether or not to extend the timeframe of the proposals in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the SFUSD commends the San Francisco Asthma Task Force for their work in conducting a needs assessment in using key stakeholders and developing proposals to better serve children afflicted with asthma.

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Please Note:

- Referred to the Curriculum and Program Committee by order of the Chair on 10/28/03.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 11/19/03. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation for approval.
- Adopted, as amended, on 12. 9.03. New language in bold & underscored. ~~Old language stricken out.~~