

**San Francisco Unified School District
San Francisco, California**

Superintendent's Proposal

106-22Sp1 - Resolution Condemning the State of Arizona's Senate Bill 1070 and House Bill 2281 and Prohibiting the San Francisco Unified School District from Funding Travel and/or Attendance to Any and All Conferences or Meetings in the State of Arizona

- Superintendent Carlos A. Garcia and Co-sponsored by Commissioners Sandra Lee Fewer, Jane Kim, Kim-Shree Maufas, Hydra B. Mendoza, Rachel Norton, Jill Wynns, and Norman Yee and Student Delegates Andie Rose Crug and Tristan Leder

WHEREAS: On April 23, 2010, Arizona Governor Jan Brewer signed Senate Bill 1070 (Support Our Law Enforcement and Safe Neighborhoods Act) requiring all local law enforcement to investigate a person's immigration status when there is a reasonable suspicion that the person is in the Country unlawfully, regardless of whether that person is suspected of a crime; and

WHEREAS: SB 1070 does not prohibit law enforcement officers from relying on race, ethnicity, national origin or language to determine whom to investigate; and

WHEREAS: SB 1070 encourages racial profiling and violates Fourteenth Amendment guarantees of due process and equal protection for U.S. citizens, legal residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS: State and Federal funds should not be used to support immigration programs that promote racial profiling and discrimination based on race, ethnicity or national origin or any other form of discrimination; and

WHEREAS: SB 1070 seriously undermines the U.S. Constitution, which grants Congress exclusive power over immigration matters; and

WHEREAS: The State of Arizona recently adopted House Bill 2281, legislation which prohibits public schools from teaching Ethnic Studies, a ban that reinforces the intolerant, discriminatory and racist ideology embodied by SB 1070; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District ("SFUSD") is committed to providing excellent educational opportunities to all our students without regard to race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and disability; and

WHEREAS: On February 23, 2010, the Board of Education of the SFUSD reaffirmed its commitment to the development of Ethnic Studies programs and curriculums in high schools by adopting Resolution No. 101-26A1, which, among other things, calls for the implementation of an Ethnic Studies pilot program and expressed its support of efforts at recruiting and retaining teachers who have relevant experience and educational background in the study and/or teaching of Ethnic Studies; and

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WHEREAS: SFUSD has adopted a Strategic Plan, "Beyond the Talk" which articulates a commitment to social justice; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD has historically condemned policies and laws that discriminate based on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, and disability; and

WHEREAS: On September 22, 2009, the Board of the SFUSD adopted Resolution No. 99-22A2 condemning the practice of the City and County of San Francisco of reporting undocumented students to U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, and encouraged the City and County to cease and desist in any action that might serve to chill access to a public education, remembering that the City and County is a City and County of Refuge, and that access to a public education is a critical and important right protected by the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Plyler v. Doe*; and

WHEREAS: The intended and unintended consequences related to the misguided passage of SB 1070 and HB 2281 are in direct conflict with the SFUSD's Strategic Plan and the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD agrees with Dr. Martin Luther King's caution that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the San Francisco Unified School District hereby condemns the State of Arizona's passage of SB 1070 and HB 2281 and the Arizona Department of Education's order to its school districts to remove and/or prohibit teachers with accents from teaching English classes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education and the Superintendent hereby prohibit the expenditure of any District funds on the travel and/or attendance of SFUSD staff or Commissioners to any and all conferences and meetings in Arizona; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education will reconsider this prohibition when the State of Arizona rescinds these harmful and divisive laws.

Special Meeting

6/22/10