

Subject: Resolution No. 66-27A7

**URGING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORE LEADERSHIP
GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAMS FOR DEAF
AND HARD OF HEARING STUDENTS**

- Commissioners Sarah Lipson, Dan Kelly, and Eric Mar

WHEREAS: The District convened a group of its own speech therapists, teachers of the deaf, and a parent representative, to make recommendations for a continuum of services based on best practices for deaf and hard of hearing students; and

WHEREAS: The Core Leadership Group met throughout the winter and spring of 2005 and issued its recommendations on April 28, 2005; and

WHEREAS: The Core Leadership Group's recommendations were based upon State guidelines set forth in Programs for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students: Guidelines for Quality Service, California Department of Education, 2000; and

WHEREAS: The Core Leadership Group's recommendations included, among other things, the need for:

1. A Program Administrator who is an experienced educator of deaf and hard of hearing students to shape and implement the district's policies and programs for children with hearing loss;
2. A clear vision and purpose statement for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program at SFUSD;
3. A continuum of services and placements offered to children with hearing loss, utilizing a continuum of communication modalities, including the creation of two or three elementary magnet schools, and one each for middle and high school;
4. Qualified professionals who are experienced, specifically trained and credentialed to teach deaf and hard of hearing students;
5. Educational interpreters and assistive listening devices at all activities to ensure that deaf and hard of hearing students have full and equal communication access to the curriculum at all times as required by law;
6. Development of specialized curriculum incorporating core grade level instruction leading to achievement of school-wide learning goals and addressing the unique language and communication needs of individuals with hearing loss.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education urges the Superintendent ~~to direct the Special Education Executive Director and the SELPA Director~~ to implement the recommendations of the Core Leadership Group; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education urges the Superintendent ~~to direct the Special Education Executive Director and the SELPA Director~~ to **ensure that the District complies** ~~comply~~ with State guidelines in the creation and implementation of all programs for deaf and hard of hearing students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board of Education urges the Superintendent to direct staff to prepare a written report on the status of the implementation of the Core Leadership Group's recommendations, as well as a timeline, for presentation at the first meeting of the Board of Education in September October 2006. The Board also requests, for one year only, quarterly reports on the implementation of the recommendations.

6/27/06

9/12/06

Please Note:

- Referred by order of the Chair on 6/27/06 to the Budget and Finance and Curriculum and Program Committees.
- Taken up by the Budget and Business Services Committee on 8/16/06. Forwarded with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- Taken up by the Curriculum and Program Committee on 8/23/06. Forwarded, as amended, with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- Adopted, as amended, on 9/12/06.

