

Superintendent's Proposal

911-10Sp1 - Creation of Guiding Principles for Supporting or Opposing State and Federal Legislation

WHEREAS: The Board of Education takes positions to support or oppose various state and federal legislation and;

WHEREAS: The Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee of the Board may act on behalf of the full Board of Education for this purpose and;

WHEREAS: The Superintendent or his/ her designee provides recommendations to the Board of Education to support, oppose or remain neutral on legislative proposals prior to Rules Committee meetings, and;

WHEREAS: As requested by a Board of Education member or in cases in which consensus is not reached, the question of supporting or opposing legislation may be moved from the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee to the full Board of Education for a vote, and;

WHEREAS: Positions taken by the Board of Education reflect the values and priorities of the San Francisco Unified School District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That this resolution outlines the guiding principles for supporting and opposing legislation as outlined below:

SFUSD supports legislation that:

- Introduces or increases educational opportunities for SFUSD students;
- Introduces or increases opportunities to ensure equity for our students and communities,
 - Including precedent-setting legislation that may not directly impact SFUSD, and
 - Including legislation that is based in quality research;
- Provides productive opportunities to create local accountability, especially through responsible use of state resources, for districts and schools,
 - Including legislation that creates greater simplicity and transparency in the law and its requirements;
- Provides funding to further SFUSD goals,
- Increases flexibility in the use of funds to further SFUSD goals without reducing the amount of funding available; and/ or
- Supports SFUSD's underserved populations.

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SFUSD opposes legislation that:

- Reduces flexibility in school districts' use of state and/ or federal funds;
- Restricts the ability of SFUSD to make local decisions;
- Reduces funding for the pursuit of SFUSD goals; and/ or
- Creates unfunded mandates.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Rules, Policy, and Legislation Committee of the Board of Education be directed by the guiding principles as positions are established on any official legislative stance taken on behalf of the San Francisco Unified School District.

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