

First Reading

Subject: Resolution No.

**In Support of Placing a Revenue Extension Measure
on the June 2011 Ballot**

- Commissioners Sandra Lee Fewer, Emily M. Murase, and Jill Wynns

WHEREAS: Governor Brown's 2011-12 budget proposal is a balanced approach between revenues and new cuts to solving the deficit and provides for an extension of temporary revenues to support programs our students need and deserve; and

WHEREAS: Over the last several years, K-12 education funding has taken a disproportionate amount of budget cuts; and

WHEREAS: State and local funding for schools has been cut by more than \$18 billion, or about \$1,900 per student in the last three years; and

WHEREAS: To remain fiscally solvent, the San Francisco Unified School District adopted in March 2010 a budget deficit action plan that addressed the District's estimated \$113 million two-year budget deficit. This plan included severe reductions in summer school programs, a shortened school year via District-wide furlough days, and further cuts to District department budgets; and

WHEREAS: The loss of \$7 billion to the State of California in one-time federal funding further reduces school budgets; and

WHEREAS: To begin to reverse this downward spiral, Californians must retain the revenues that enable us to invest in our schools and students; and

WHEREAS: The Governor's budget proposal to limit further cuts to schools in 2011-12 is dependent on voter approval of an extension of existing temporary tax increases; and

WHEREAS: A ballot measure to extend temporary revenues will help prevent further cuts to schools, and without this extension the LAO reports that funding for schools would fall by at least \$2 billion, or more than \$335 per student; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District expects our local legislators to work with the governor to protect schools from further cuts and to ensure the continued investment our students deserve; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Unified School District opposes a cuts-only budget and supports a budget that is balanced with a combination of cuts and revenue extension.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the San Francisco Unified School District supports placing a measure on the June 2011 ballot calling for a five-year revenue extension to protect our schools and students by making education a priority in our State.

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