

Adopted by the Board of Education at its Regular Meeting of June 28, 2011

Subject: Resolution 116-14A3

In Support of Green Cleaning throughout the San Francisco Unified School District

- Commissioner Jill Wynn

WHEREAS: It is estimated that one in five students in California has asthma, a chronic disease, which can make exposure to cleaning chemicals extremely dangerous or even deadly; and

WHEREAS: Regular exposure to toxic chemicals found in many consumer and custodial cleaning products, including bleach, contain asthmagens, chemicals that can exacerbate or lead to the onset of asthma, and 15% of asthma developed in the workplace can be attributed to exposure to cleaning products; and

WHEREAS: A comprehensive Green Cleaning policy and plan will support an effective and sustainable transition to green cleaning products and help ensure the health of all SFUSD students and staff; and

WHEREAS: The Director of SFUSD Maintenance and Operations has officially declared and distributed notification that unapproved classroom cleaning products are prohibited in any SFUSD school or child care classrooms; and

WHEREAS: Guidelines are now available through the San Francisco Asthma Task Force on appropriate alternatives to bleach for child care/Early Education sites; and

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Asthma Task Force, SFPUC, and SF Department of the Environment have provided the initial funding and support to begin transition of custodial cleaning products for green cleaning at 53 schools; and

WHEREAS: This has been done incrementally as funding has been secured to date and SFUSD's ad hoc green cleaning workgroup continues to seek out and secure outside funding to cover up-front costs and the ongoing cost of using green cleaning products is comparable to current costs; and

WHEREAS: SFUSD received an AIR Award from California Breathing, the CA State Health Department's asthma program, and \$5000 for its indoor air quality efforts.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it is the policy of the San Francisco Board of Education that the San Francisco Unified School District will purchase only approved green cleaning products verified by the SF Department of Environment, for use in Early Education, Student Nutrition, Special Education, office, and classroom cleaning as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the SFUSD will make every effort to ensure that unapproved products are kept out of classrooms, schools and offices; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the Early Education Department programs will transition to the bleach-free recommendations as specified by the San Francisco Asthma Task Force and department staff who perform cleaning, sanitizing, or disinfecting will receive standardized training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the SFUSD will establish a Green Cleaning Oversight Committee by October 2011 (with representation from Facilities & Maintenance, Custodial Services, Student Nutrition Services, Early Education Program, Special Education Program, SF Asthma Task Force, labor partners, parent representatives, and others) to help:

1. Develop a comprehensive funding and implementation plan by January 2012 to ensure a full transition (100%) to approved green cleaning products, taking into consideration time and funding needs, with a target of full transition by May 2013.
2. Develop, in conjunction with the SF Department of the Environment & the SFUSD District Asthma Team, by January 2012, a plan for a comprehensive education campaign, a funding plan, training program and implementation schedule.
3. Provide a report to the Board of Education annually to provide an update on implementation status, needs, barriers, and recommendations; and
4. Ensure that appropriate staff of the Custodial, Early Education Program, Special Education and Student Nutrition Services receive training on green cleaning practices and include new staff are hired; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Facilities & Maintenance, Custodial Services, Student Nutrition Services, Early Education Programs, Special Education Programs will transition to 100% approved green cleaning products and use of unapproved products will be terminated by May 2013.

Please Note:

- Referred on 6/14/11 by order of the Chair to the Budget and Business Services Committee.
- Taken up by the Budget and Business Services Committee on 6/21/11. Forwarded to the Board with a positive recommendation by general consent of the Committee.
- Adopted on 6/28/11.

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