

1 [Sexual Assault and Harassment in Schools]  
2 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District and the City and**  
3 **County of San Francisco to increase transparency about the Title IX reporting**  
4 **process to protect and create effective support systems for victims of sexual**  
5 **assault and harassment, and urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to**  
6 **restart the Safer Schools Task Force with adequate youth voice and**  
7 **representation.**

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9 WHEREAS, sexual assault and harassment, both between student to student  
10 and between adult to student, has been a consistent and pervasive issue in San  
11 Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) schools, San Francisco Charter schools, and  
12 San Francisco independent schools; and,

13 WHEREAS, sexual assault and harassment in SFUSD high schools has been  
14 “swept under the rug” (KQED) for years and is in no way a new issue; and,

15 WHEREAS, multiple forms of student protest and collective action have taken  
16 place for over two decades demanding action and resources, recently with large-scale  
17 walkouts from SFUSD high schools in December 2021<sup>1</sup>; and,

18 WHEREAS, recent reporting from the San Francisco Chronicle and the San  
19 Francisco Standard shows serious allegations that SFUSD teachers who have been  
20 accused of sexual abuse, despite law enforcement being contacted, were permitted to

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<sup>1</sup> *Hundreds of SF Students Walk Out Over District's Handling of Sexual Assault Complaints* (NBC Bay Area), December 10, 2021. <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/news/local/sf-students-to-stage-walkout-to-protest-districts-handling-of-sexual-assault-complaints/2752577/>

1 “quietly resign” and able to teach after being accused of sexual harassment with only a  
2 verbal reprimand<sup>2</sup>; and,

3 WHEREAS, in 2005, the San Francisco Youth Commission, in collaboration with  
4 the SFUSD Student Advisory Council, produced a report on sexual assault and  
5 harassment in San Francisco schools entitled “*Youth Commission Report on Sexual*  
6 *Assault and Harassment in San Francisco Schools*” which showed the primary factor  
7 preventing students from receiving needed resources and support is the disconnection  
8 between service providers and San Francisco students; and,

9 WHEREAS, this report made general recommendations<sup>3</sup>, including: 1) that  
10 students be encouraged and supported to be involved with the development of policies  
11 aimed to address sexual assault and harassment, 2) that student government  
12 organizations be engaged in work to stop sexual assault and harassment, and 3) that  
13 there be a greater push for full cooperation between City departments, schools, and  
14 Community Based Organizations (CBOs); and,

15 WHEREAS, this report made specific recommendations to the Department on  
16 the Status of Women<sup>4</sup>, including: 1) that the department implement a student-oriented  
17 public service announcement campaign, 2) that the department facilitate the outreach

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<sup>2</sup> *S.F. high school athletic director who abused a student was allowed to ‘quietly resign,’ lawsuit alleges* (San Francisco Chronicle), August 29, 2022. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/S-F-high-school-athletic-director-who-abused-a-17406113.php>; *George Washington High’s Ex-Athletic Director Molested Student, Groomed Classmates for Years, Lawsuit Claims* (San Francisco Standard), August 29, 2022.

<https://sfstandard.com/education/george-washington-high-athletic-director-molested-student-groomed-classmates-for-years-lawsuit-claims/>

<sup>3</sup> *Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault & Harrasement in San Francisco Schools* (San Francisco Youth Commission), [Page 11].  
[https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/ftp/uploadedfiles/youth\\_commission/Documents\\_and\\_Publications/FIN\\_ALSA%26HReport041205.pdf](https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/ftp/uploadedfiles/youth_commission/Documents_and_Publications/FIN_ALSA%26HReport041205.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> *Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault & Harrasement in San Francisco Schools* (San Francisco Youth Commission), [Page 12].

1 and use of CBOs with San Francisco schools, 3) that the department aid schools in  
2 training teachers on student-to-student sexual assault and harassment, and 4) that the  
3 department aid schools in enriching curricula for all grade levels; and,

4 WHEREAS, this report made specific recommendations to the Department of  
5 Public Health<sup>5</sup>, including: 1) that the department maintain or increase funding for  
6 student counseling, and 2) that the department expand the Intimate Partner Violence  
7 Screening Protocol to all public and private health clinics and hospitals; and,

8 WHEREAS, this report made a specific recommendation to the Department of  
9 Children, Youth, and Their Families (DCYF)<sup>6</sup> that the department distribute information  
10 about preventing and responding to sexual assault and harassment, including  
11 information on how to identify sexual assault and harassment, how to report incidents of  
12 sexual assault and harassment, and how to access counseling services; and,

13 WHEREAS, this report made specific recommendations to public, private, and  
14 charter schools in San Francisco<sup>7</sup>, including: 1) that they ensure they are in compliance  
15 with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and 2) that they should fully  
16 cooperate with any valuable support from outside sources, particularly CBOs; and,

17 WHEREAS, in April 2016, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed, and  
18 Mayor Edwin Lee signed, legislation (FILE NO. 150944, ORDINANCE NO. 89-16)

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<sup>5</sup> *Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault & Harrasement in San Francisco Schools* (San Francisco Youth Commission), [Page 14].

<sup>6</sup> *Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault & Harrasement in San Francisco Schools* (San Francisco Youth Commission), [Page 15].

<sup>7</sup> *Youth Commission Report on Sexual Assault & Harrasement in San Francisco Schools* (San Francisco Youth Commission), [Page 15].

1 sponsored by Supervisor Jane Kim to create the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task  
2 Force and set out membership requirements for the ten seats<sup>8</sup>; and,

3 WHEREAS, the legislation made the San Francisco Department on the Status of  
4 Women responsible for providing administrative support and staffing the task force  
5 through a consultant who began in October 2016<sup>9</sup>; and,

6 WHEREAS, the taskforce made the overarching recommendations<sup>10</sup> of 1)  
7 establishing an ongoing Task Force and staff to coordinate sexual assault prevention  
8 and response broadly, including on campus and in the broader community, and 2) fully  
9 implementing state and federal laws reflecting years of work to prevent sexual assault  
10 on campus and respond effectively when it occurs; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 2017, the Department on the Status of Women put together the  
12 71-page Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations,  
13 which did not include any specific recommendations for reducing sexual assault on all  
14 school campuses, failed to provide concrete recommendations and solutions, and  
15 interviewed only 18<sup>11</sup> of the 60,263 SFUSD students at the time; and therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission publicly  
17 states its support for all victims of sexual assault and/or harassment in San Francisco  
18 schools and calls on the City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Unified

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<sup>8</sup> *Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations* (San Francisco Department on the Status of Women), [Page i].  
<https://sfgov.org/dosw/sites/default/files/Safer%20Schools%20Sexual%20Assault%20Task%20Force%20Report.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> *Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations* (San Francisco Department on the Status of Women), [Page 1].

<sup>10</sup> *Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations* (San Francisco Department on the Status of Women), [Page 23].

<sup>11</sup> *Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force Report and Recommendations* (San Francisco Department on the Status of Women), [Page 22].

1 School District, San Francisco charter schools, and San Francisco independent schools  
2 to reevaluate their responses to and prevention policies for sexual assault and  
3 harassment; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission  
5 urges the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to restart the Safer Schools Sexual  
6 Assault Task Force, while including adequate youth voice and representation ages 10-  
7 18, as well as policymakers, volunteers, experts, parents, stakeholders, and survivors,  
8 and do so in consultation with the Youth Commission; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission  
10 urges the Board of Supervisors Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee to  
11 work with SFUSD to adopt mandatory training for youth, education, and school site staff  
12 on the definitions of sexual harassment and assault, reporting procedures, supporting  
13 students, and identifying and preventing these crimes.

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that Youth Commission staff are directed to transmit  
15 copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Department  
16 on the Status of Women, Department of Public Health, SFUSD, SFUSD Board of  
17 Education, and the SFUSD Student Advisory Council.