Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco and the San Francisco Unified School District to release a timeline for the installation of critical school safety measures and provide funding for the installation of school safety measures.

WHEREAS, Schools have become a common target for gun violence in the United States; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 176 instances of gunfire at school sites in the United States with 57 people killed and 148 people injured; and

WHEREAS, According to Everytown for Gun Safety Research and Policy, in 2022 there were at least 15 instances of gunfire at school sites in California with 3 people killed and 15 injuries; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) has responded 790 violent crime incidents at San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) school sites since 2013, averaging 77 instances per year, and when pandemic year outliers are removed, averaging 89 instances per year; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill 3205, passed and signed into law in 2018, requires that any school modernization project using money from the state’s school facility bond program include installing Security Locksets if they are not already present, building on 2010 legislation (AB 211) requiring these locks in all newly built schools; and
WHEREAS, While the installation of Security Locksets is covered by current bond funds, funding for other infrastructure such as updated public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras have not yet been allocated by SFUSD; and

WHEREAS, These safety measures are currently dependent on the passage of the next general obligation bond; and

WHEREAS, Plans to install Security Locksets in all SFUSD schools have been repeatedly delayed; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Commission held a hearing on May 15, 2023 “to discuss and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure at SFUSD school sites”, with SFUSD and SFPD reporting, in which SFUSD could not confirm a complete timeline or adequate funding for the installation of updated working public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Board of Supervisors urge the San Francisco Unified School District to provide clear timelines on the installation of critical school safety measures in schools, including public announcement systems, remote buzzers, and security cameras; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the San Francisco Youth Commission requests the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to work with the San Francisco Unified School District to secure funding for the installation of these critical school safety measures.