

[SFUSD School Infrastructure]

Resolution addressing concerns surrounding deteriorating school infrastructure, which negatively augments student experiences and abilities to learn.

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Education recognizes that high-quality school infrastructure is vital to supporting student learning, stating “well-maintained facilities with healthy indoor environments yield better student performance and health, higher teacher retention, and reduced absenteeism”; and

WHEREAS, The Risk Strategy Group reported doors that lock act as a real barrier to active shooters, who usually try to impose maximum casualties as fast as possible; and

WHEREAS, The same report states that the time and effort that goes into breaching a locked door frequently causes shooters to move on targets that are easier to reach; and

WHEREAS, Having a door that locks from the inside, also known as a security lockset or a Columbine lock, is an important measure that allows teachers and students to protect themselves quickly during fast-moving active shooter emergencies and gives law enforcement enough time to respond; and

WHEREAS, Public announcement (PA) systems are critical for schools to send out important information during school emergencies and for efficient daily school operations, and

WHEREAS, 25% of SFUSD’s school sites require an upgrade in public announcement systems; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to school security and public announcement systems, the
2 quality of bathrooms has been a persistent issue in SFUSD; and

3 WHEREAS, California Education Code § 35292.5 states, “Every restroom shall
4 at all times be maintained and cleaned regularly, fully operational and stocked at all
5 times with toilet paper, soap, and paper towels or functional hand dryers;” and

6 WHEREAS, In reality, students often avoid using SFUSD school bathrooms
7 because they are often flooded, broken, or unavailable due to plumbing problems,
8 which causes students to be uncomfortable in class, and

9 WHEREAS, SFUSD has a Student Advisory Council that has advocated for
10 better bathroom locks in the past, but these requests have gone unnoticed by higher-
11 ups in SFUSD as improvements have not been implemented; and

12 WHEREAS, In November 2024, San Francisco voters approved Proposition A,
13 which would raise \$790,000,000 in bond money for projects improving, repairing, and
14 upgrading school sites, including modernizing plumbing and infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2023 and 2024 SFUSD Facilities Master Plan acknowledged
16 the core functionality of school buildings and systems as a focal point of upcoming
17 school site investments because of its strong impact on student comfort and the quality
18 of student learning; and therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and
20 the Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the San Francisco Unified School District to
21 efficiently and effectively use existing funds to improve the quality of school site
22 infrastructure, including restrooms, public announcement systems, and general security;
23 and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
2 Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to work with SFUSD Board of Education and
3 SFUSD Facilities to install and maintain Columbine Locks for all schools in SFUSD to
4 bolster school safety; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor
6 and the Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to set realistic
7 goals to modernize school facilities, especially for restrooms to be all functional, kept
8 open during school hours, and have adequate plumbing; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board to urge
10 SFUSD to take into account more student opinions and voices to make these
11 infrastructure changes by establishing a direct communication line between students,
12 SFUSD Board of Education Members, SFUSD Facilities, and Principals.