

1 [Narcan Accessibility in SFUSD Schools]

2 **Resolution urging the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, and SFUSD to implement**
3 **a wider distribution of Narcan in schools for further safety, education, and**
4 **awareness.**

5 WHEREAS, in 2024, the CDC estimated an average of 1,546 drug overdose
6 deaths per week in the United States¹; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2022, an average of 22 adolescents died from drug overdoses per
8 week in the United States²; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2023, an estimated 54.2 million Americans 12 and older required
10 substance use disorder treatment³; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco faced 588 overdose-caused deaths just in 2025⁴; and

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco is known for its open-air drug markets and usage;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, top research institutions specify studies on San Francisco's drug
15 epidemic, highlighting the desperate need for change⁵; and

16 WHEREAS, opioid overdoses are the third leading cause of pediatric deaths in
17 the United States⁶; and

18 WHEREAS, opioid overdose can happen anywhere, including on school
19 campuses⁷; and

¹ "U.S. Overdose Deaths Decrease Almost 27% in 2024," NCHS Pressroom, n.d., <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/pressroom/releases/20250514.html>.

² Joseph Friedman and Scott E. Hadland, "The Overdose Crisis Among U.S. Adolescents," *New England Journal of Medicine* 390, no. 2 (January 6, 2024): 97–100, <https://doi.org/10.1056/nejmp2312084>.

³ "About Overdose Prevention," Overdose Prevention, January 16, 2026, <https://www.cdc.gov/overdose-prevention/about/index.html>.

⁴ Christian Leonard and Yoohyun Jung, "36 People Died in December in San Francisco From Accidental Overdoses," *San Francisco Chronicle*, n.d., <https://www.sfchronicle.com/projects/san-francisco-drug-overdose-deaths/#:~:text=The%2038%20additional%20deaths%20brings,those%20deaths%2C%2028%20involved%20fentanyl.>

⁵ "Opioid Use in San Francisco, California | Global Health Education and Learning Incubator," January 30, 2025, <https://gheli.harvard.edu/blog/opioid-use-san-francisco-california>.

⁶ Friedman and Hadland, "The Overdose Crisis Among U.S. Adolescents," January 6, 2024.

⁷ READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER, "Fentanyl and Opioids: Preventing Overdoses and Related Emergencies at K-12 and Higher Education Campuses," *READINESS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR SCHOOLS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER FACT SHEET*, n.d., <https://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED631160.pdf>.

1 WHEREAS, Between 2016 and 2020, drug use among 8th graders increased by
2 thirty percent; and

3 WHEREAS, 36.8% of teenagers have misused a drug at least once by 12th
4 grade⁸; and

5 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid drug that is entirely laboratory-
6 manufactured⁹; and

7 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is known to be the cause of death behind one out of every
8 five youth deaths¹⁰; and

9 WHEREAS, Fentanyl is known to be one of the most powerful opioid drugs,
10 having been manufactured for intense pain relief. It is highly addictive, and even
11 minuscule amounts can be lethal¹¹; and

12 WHEREAS, Narcan is a brand that sells portable naloxone in nasal spray form, a
13 drug that can quickly reverse or block the effects of an opioid overdose¹²; and

14 WHEREAS, Narcan immediately finds opioid receptors, replaces them, and binds
15 on more strongly than the opioid. In short, Narcan rips off the opioid, like a Band-Aid,
16 and blocks it¹³; and

17 WHEREAS, Narcan has been reported to be effective in 75-100% of overdose
18 reversals on which it is used¹⁴; and

⁸ "Teenage Drug Use Statistics [2025]: Data & Trends on Abuse," National Center for Drug Abuse Statistics, August 12, 2025, <https://drugabusestatistics.org/teen-drug-use/>.

⁹ National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), "Fentanyl," National Institute on Drug Abuse, February 17, 2023, <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/fentanyl>.

¹⁰ Scooty Nickerson, "'We Are Not Trying to Scare You.' in California, Fentanyl Now Behind 1 Out of Every 5 Youth Deaths," *The Mercury News*, December 21, 2022, <https://www.mercurynews.com/2022/10/30/we-are-not-trying-to-scare-you-in-california-fentanyl-now-behind-1-out-of-every-5-youth-deaths/>.

¹¹ "Facts About Fentanyl," United States Drug Enforcement Agency, n.d., <https://www.dea.gov/resources/facts-about-fentanyl>.

¹² "Narcan," Dayton and Montgomery County Public Health, December 27, 2023, <https://www.phdmc.org/resources/narcan>.

¹³ "Why You Should Carry Naloxone (Narcan) to Combat Opioid Overdoses | Cultivating Health," *Cultivating-Health* (blog), August 23, 2025, <https://health.ucdavis.edu/blog/cultivating-health/why-you-should-carry-naloxone-narcan-to-combat-opioid-overdoses/2023/08>.

¹⁴ Rachael Rzasa Lynn and Ji Galinkin, "Naloxone Dosage for Opioid Reversal: Current Evidence and Clinical Implications," *Therapeutic Advances in Drug Safety* 9, no. 1 (December 13, 2017): 63–88, <https://doi.org/10.1177/2042098617744161>.

1 WHEREAS, Placing Narcan in schools encourages discussion around substance
2 safety and implements tools for overdose prevention; and

3 WHEREAS, Narcan’s shelf life has recently been extended from three to four
4 years¹⁵; and

5 WHEREAS, The cost of Narcan is ~25 dollars per spray, but under the Naloxone
6 Distribution Project (NDP), California schools are eligible for fully subsidized nasal
7 sprays¹⁶¹⁷; and

8 WHEREAS, SFUSD states that schools may choose to stock Narcan, but it is not
9 required¹⁸; and

10 WHEREAS, SFUSD states that its health education uses resources from
11 California Health Education, a framework that provides schools with health curriculum,
12 to educate about tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use¹⁹; and

13 WHEREAS, California Health Education partners with a non-profit, Song for
14 Charlie, a group that is dedicated to raising awareness about counterfeit prescription
15 pills and fentanyl use²⁰; and

16 WHEREAS, SFUSD’s website had very little further information about the
17 availability of Narcan and education around fentanyl; and

18 WHEREAS, According to statements provided by SFUSD students, the
19 placement and proper utilization of Narcan are unclear or not adequately
20 communicated, considering the significance of this matter; and

¹⁵ Center for Drug Evaluation And Research, “FDA Announces Shelf-life Extension for Naloxone Nasal Spray,” U.S. Food And Drug Administration, January 17, 2024, <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-announces-shelf-life-extension-naloxone-nasal-spray>.

¹⁶ Brooke Madison, “How Much Does Narcan Cost?,” GoodRx, January 29, 2024, <https://www.goodrx.com/narcan/how-much-is-narcan-otc?srsIid=AfmBOop2K0aTjrlqF5VO-DyVA0MQc6sTqn-zYDYfqQROlriQPFAOU-1>.

¹⁷ “Naloxone and Youth,” California Department of Public Health, n.d., <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDPHP/sapb/Pages/Naloxone-and-Youth.aspx>.

¹⁸ “3.10.3 Notification: Medication Administration Protocol | SFUSD,” n.d., <https://www.sfusd.edu/services/know-your-rights/student-family-handbook/chapter-3-family-resources-and-rights/310-medication-and-emergency-care-plan-forms/3103-notification-medication-administration-protocol>.

¹⁹ “High School Health Education | SFUSD,” n.d., <https://www.sfusd.edu/health-education/high-school-health-education>.

²⁰ “Our Story,” Song for Charlie, n.d., <https://www.songforcharlie.org/page/our-story>.

1 WHEREAS, Conversations about drug safety are crucial in encouraging safe
2 practices in high school students; and

3 WHEREAS, Making Narcan more widely available in SFUSD schools would
4 prompt more frequent conversation surrounding the subject; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission has written and distributed a
6 resolution on Narcan distribution in schools as of 2023; and, now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission implores the San Francisco
8 Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to implement the Naloxone Distribution Program
9 (NDP) in all San Francisco public, private, and charter schools in collaboration with the
10 San Francisco Unified School District and the Department of Public Health to protect
11 San Francisco's youth from opioid overdose emergencies in schools; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and San Francisco Board of
13 Supervisors collaborate with the San Francisco Unified School District and Department
14 of Public Health to offer free Narcan to students, parents, educators, and other
15 community members who are interested in having it in their homes; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission calls for a
17 clarification and expansion of SFUSD's education regarding fentanyl; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff shall
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the
20 Department of Public Health, and the San Francisco Unified School District.