

For Suspension of the Rules and Adoption at First Reading

Subject: Resolution No. 214-6A1

Second Amended Resolution, In Support of a Formal Process in the Renaming of San Francisco Unified School District Schools

WHEREAS: The San Francisco Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 184-10A1, In Support of a Formal Process in the Renaming of San Francisco Unified School District Schools on May 22, 2018, committing the District to changing names of schools named for historical figures who “engaged in the subjugation and enslavement of human beings; or who oppressed women, inhibiting societal progress; or whose actions led to genocide; or who otherwise significantly diminished the opportunities of those amongst us to the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness”; and

WHEREAS: A blue ribbon panel (“Panel”) of community leaders was ratified by the Board of Education on January 28, 2020 and met for more than one year to examine school names and set up a process for identifying names for change; and

WHEREAS: The Panel forwarded the names of the following school sites for potential renaming to the Board of Education on January 26, 2021:

Balboa High School	Abraham Lincoln High School	Mission High School
George Washington High School	Lowell High School	
James Denman Middle School	Everett Middle School	
Herbert Hoover Middle School	James Lick Middle School	Presidio Middle School
Roosevelt Middle School	Lawton Alternative K-8	
Claire Lilienthal: Madison Campus (Grades K-2) 3950 Sacramento Street		
Claire Lilienthal: Winfield Scott Campus (Grades 3-8) 3630 Divisadero Street		
Paul Revere K-8 Elementary	Alamo Elementary	Alvarado
Bryant Elementary	Clarendon Elementary	Second Community
JBBP (Japanese Bilingual Bicultural Program) at Clarendon Elementary		El Dorado
Dianne Feinstein Elementary	Garfield Elementary	Grattan
Jefferson Elementary	Francis Scott Key Elementary	Frank
McCoppin Elementary		
McKinley Elementary	Marshall Elementary	Monroe
Elementary		
John Muir Elementary	Jose Ortega Elementary	Sanchez
Elementary		
Junipero Serra Elementary	Sheridan Elementary	Sherman
Elementary		
Commodore Sloat Elementary	Robert Louis Stevenson Elementary	

Sutro Elementary	Ulloa Elementary	Daniel
Webster Elementary		
Jefferson Early Education School	Junipero Serra Early Education School	
Noriega EES	Presidio EES	Stockton EES;
and		

WHEREAS: On January 26, 2021, the Board of Education adopted Resolution No. 211-12A1; and Amended Resolution 184-10A1, In Support of a Formal Process in the Renaming of San Francisco Unified School District Schools, to review and sanction the Panel’s list of schools for potential renaming; and

WHEREAS: On February 21, 2021, Board of Education President Gabriela Lopez announced that no further work on renaming schools would occur before SFUSD schools had been successfully reopened; and

WHEREAS: On February 21, 2021, the Panel suspended its work to suggest alternative names for the above-identified schools to the Board of Education in order to permit the Board of Education to focus its efforts on reopening schools for in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS: On March 17, Petitioners Abraham Lincoln High School of SFUSD Alumni Association, et al. filed suit against SFUSD seeking to void the Board’s action on January 26, 2021 (“the lawsuit”) asserting, among other things, that President Lopez’ public statement was not enough assurance that the Board would not be taking additional imminent action to consider alternative names for the above-identified schools; and

WHEREAS: Petitioners’ lawsuit is nothing more than a transparent attempt to thwart a lawful and duly-noticed action with which it disagrees; and

WHEREAS: The Board is deeply grateful for the work of the Panel, but wishes to avoid the distraction and wasteful expenditure of public funds in frivolous litigation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board rescinds Resolution 211-12A1 adopted on January 26, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Board shall revisit the matter of renaming SFUSD schools, including reauthorizing the Panel, or similar Advisory Committee, consistent with its Rules and Procedures, only after all students have returned to in-person learning for 5 full days each week.