[Russian Bilingual Bicultural Program.]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to consider the feasibility of establishing a Russian Bilingual Bicultural Program, incorporating methods from the European educational system of learning.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to diverse ethnic group striving to preserve their heritage and cultural identity; and,

WHEREAS, The California Department of Education and the Unified School District already offer a number of immersion and bilingual-bicultural education programs; and,

WHEREAS, Bilingual-bicultural programs have successfully developed fluency in English and foreign languages and have positive results on students' overall academic achievement; and,

WHEREAS, Bilingual-bicultural programs have proven to provide students with an insight into global issues, international diversity, and world geography; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District runs 52 multicultural programs for seven different languages, including, but not limited to Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, and Italian; and,

WHEREAS, Special cultural, lingual and academic school concentrations have been successful in a variety of formats, whether as immersion strands, enrichment programs, immersion schools or charter schools; and,

WHEREAS, The Russian-speaking community numbers over 40,000 people in San Francisco and close to 120,000 in the rest of the Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco Unified School District to consider the feasibility of establishing a Russian Bilingual Bicultural Program, incorporating methods from the European educational system of learning.



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Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 1 - Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 13, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board