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[Supporting Assembly Bill 1266 - The School Success and Opportunity Act]

Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 1266, authored by Assemblymember Tom Ammiano, set to take effect on January 1, 2014, which restates existing State law prohibiting discrimination against transgender students in public education and permitting students to participate in sex-segregated facilities and activities based on their gender identity.

WHEREAS, Transgender students - whose sex at birth is opposite from their gender identity - experience more frequent exclusion, discrimination, bullying, verbal harassment and physical assaults at school in comparison with straight, or even their LGBQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Questioning) peers, impeding their ability to feel safe at school and thrive academically and socially; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal anti-discrimination laws are already in place that guarantee transgender students equal access, and yet due to lack of awareness of how to support transgender students in some school districts, transgender students are often improperly excluded from participating in school-based activities, programs and facilities; and

WHEREAS, This exclusion can lead to increased isolation of transgender students, susceptibility to violence, and an inability to the earn the credits they need to graduate; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature enacted AB 1266, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 131132, in order to spell out exactly how school administrators, teachers, parents and students should interpret existing state law which requires schools to treat transgender students fairly by ensuring that they are allowed to participate in sex segregated school programs and use facilities consistent with their gender identity; and

WHEREAS, AB 1266 was signed into law on August 12, 2013 by Governor Brown; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Unified School District was the first district in the state to enact a policy similar to AB 1266, in 2004, and that policy has been effective in ensuring that all students are able to participate fully in school activities and succeed in school, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the implementation of AB 1266, and applauds the Legislature and the Governor for their affirmation of transgender students' rights in California.



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## Resolution

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November 26, 2013 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Chiu, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Tang, Wiener and Yee

File No. 131132

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/26/2013 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Mayor

November 27, 2013

**Date Approved** 

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Clerk of the Board