RESOLUTION 2012-014

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN PABLO
AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR FULL-SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN SAN PABLO

WHEREAS, the Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE), which is authorized by Section 5411 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA), supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the state and local levels and help all children meet challenging academic content and academic achievement standards; and

WHEREAS, the FSCS is a school reform strategy aimed at closing the achievement gap to strengthen the abilities of our students, families and community. FSCS looks to define, attain and maintain the quality of life that contributes to healthy homes and a community in which all learn and are productive members.

WHEREAS, Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) funded under FIE, encourages coordination of academic, social, and health services through partnerships among 1) public schools, 2) local education agencies (LEAs), 3) city and county government, 4) community-based and faith-based organizations, and 5) other public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) provide comprehensive academic, social and health services for students, students’ family members, and community members that will result in improved educational outcomes for children and youth; and

WHEREAS, these services may include high-quality early learning programs and service, remedial education, aligned with academic supports and enrichment activities, providing students with a comprehensive academic program; family engagement, including parental involvement, parent leadership, family literacy, and parent education programs; mentoring and youth development programs; community service and service-learning opportunities; programs that provide assistance to students who have been chronically absent, truant, suspended or expelled; job training and career counseling services; healthy eating active living; primary health, mental health and dental care; activities that improve access to and use of social service programs and programs that promote family financial stability; and adult education, including instruction of adults in English as a second language; and

WHEREAS, there is an initiative to establish Full-Service Community Schools in San Pablo, places where school, city and community stakeholders come together to provide diverse, mutually-aligned resources to assist the academic, social, civic and health needs and achievement for our students, their families and the community; and
WHEREAS, Helms Middle School, a Full-Service Community School that has been developed with Helms Community Project in San Pablo, serves as a model for development of this approach.

WHEREAS, the city of San Pablo works to develop strong partnerships with the West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County services, public and private entities and the community to implement a Full-Service Community School approach; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and Youth Service Program Manager will interface with the initiative to share information and update community stakeholders on the city’s efforts to build and develop a new Youth Futures Task Force (YFTF) to coordinate with various community agencies and systems to work together to address youth violence in San Pablo by “creating pathways for safe and healthy futures.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the San Pablo City Council authorizes the following:

1) Amend the 2010-2011 City Council Priority Work Plan to include a “Full-Service Community School Initiative in all San Pablo schools”;

2) Joining the National Coalition for Community School Initiative as a school reform strategy and authorizes support for Full-Service Community School initiative for Dover, Downer, Riverside, Bayview and Lake Elementary Schools and Helms Middle School;

3) Authorizes the Youth Services Ad Hoc Sub-committee members (Calloway/McNeil) to coordinate with community stakeholders at periodic meetings to support the San Pablo Full-Service Community School initiative

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recitations are true and correct, and are included herein by reference as findings,

ADOPTED this 23rd day of January, 2012, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: McNeil, Morris and Valdez
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: Cruz and Calloway
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ATTEST: APPROVED:

Ted J. Denney, City Clerk

Cecilia Valdez, Mayor

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