

Adopted by the Board of Education, by Suspension of the Rules at First Reading, and as amended, at the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2007

Subject: Resolution No. 73-27A1

**Authorizing Exceptions to the Small Schools By Design Policy P6400
for the 2007-08 School Year**

- Commissioner Mark Sanchez

WHEREAS: The Board of Education passed Board Policy P6400 relating to Small Schools by Design on February 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS: Board Policy P6400 includes an aggressive timeline to implement an RFP process for the selection of existing schools to operate under the policy during the 2007-08 school year; and

WHEREAS: The policy does not provide for the establishment of new schools (as opposed to existing schools) for the 2007-08 school year, but sets forth a goal of adding new schools during the 2008-09 school year; and

WHEREAS: The District has begun the enrollment process for the 2007-08 school year, which process did not include a new, small school in the Bayview; and

WHEREAS: The District continues to face challenges due to declining enrollment, including a decline of 423 students entering 9th grade for the 2007-08 school year compared to the 2006-07 school year; and

WHEREAS: Per Board of Education Resolution number 63-14S03, the District is in the process of developing a long-term plan for Student Enrollment, Recruitment, and Retention that includes an examination of the portfolio of school options available; and

WHEREAS: The District has provided school sites with the amount of funds they will receive as part of the Weighted Student Formula for the 2007-08 school year, and those school sites have held community meetings and school site council meetings to determine how best to allocate those funds; and

WHEREAS: The District expects to experience severe constraints with respect to facilities for the 2007-08 school year due to ongoing accessibility and other modernization work that is being undertaken at several school sites in compliance the District's obligations under the Lopez stipulated judgment; and

WHEREAS: The Board of Education denied a petition for a charter from the Bayview Essential School of Music, Art and Social Justice (Bayview) on February 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS: During its discussion of the Bayview charter petition a number of members of the Board of Education expressed a desire to explore the possibility of whether the Bayview could operate under the Small School by Design policy during the 2007-08 school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the timeline for an RFP process set forth in P6400 be revised for the 2007-08 school year, as follows:

RFP Issued:	Tuesday, March 20, 2007
Letter of Intent Due:	Thursday, March 29, 2007
Applications Due:	Thursday, April 19, 2007
Review of Applications:	April 20-23, 2007
Selection of Schools for Site Visit:	April 24-27, 2007
Selection of SSD Schools:	April 30, 2007
Announcement of SSD Schools at Board Meeting:	May 8, 2007

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the District will be allowed to accept applications for new schools under the policy for the 2007-08 school year; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That if an application for a new school is received, the Selection Committee shall explore the feasibility of whether a new school can be established for the 2007-08 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Selection Committee shall make its recommendation to the Superintendent as to whether it is feasible to open a new school under P6400 for the 2007-08 school year and whether any new school should be established. The Superintendent shall then bring her recommendation to the Board of Education at its meeting on May 8, 2007; and

~~**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED:** That the President and Vice President of the Board of Education shall be authorized to waive any provision of Board Policy P6400 whenever they determine, by consensus, that such a waiver is required for effective implementation of the policy.~~

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That the President and Vice President of the Board of Education shall be authorized, only until September 1, 2007, to waive any non-material provision of Board Policy P6400, by consensus, if the need for such a waiver is identified by the Superintendent of Schools as being required for effective implementation of the policy.

New Language in Bold

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