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Teachers' Jobs Saved

**Rainy day fund allows district to rescind all certificated layoffs.
Superintendent cautions that this is only short-term fix.**

May 7, 2008 (San Francisco) - District officials announced this morning that they are rescinding all certificated staff layoffs effective immediately.

The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution yesterday afternoon that declared their intention to approve rainy day funds for the school district. While the official approval happens when the city adopts its budget for next year, yesterday's vote is a signal that the district can count on this money in its budget calculations for next year.

"Our dedicated teachers and certificated administrators in good standing can rest assured that they will have a job with SFUSD next year," said Superintendent Carlos Garcia.

He went on to caution that the \$18-\$20 million the district could receive from the rainy day fund is only a partial and short term fix.

"The budget crisis is still very real. Even with the rainy day fund and other funding that we have been able to divert to next year's school site budgets, the district is likely to face a \$13 million dollar shortfall, almost entirely in categorical funds."

Board President Mark Sanchez talked about the need for local and state revenues that will adequately fund education.

"We need structural tax reform to lead to long term solutions to end the chronic under funding of public education. San Francisco has the second highest cost of living of any city in the country, yet we pay our teachers less than 13 other districts in California. The rainy day fund will help us keep our teachers in the classrooms this year, but we need more resources to help us pay them a living wage for the next 20 years."

In March, the school district gave notice of possible layoffs to 535 teachers and other certificated employees. The district is legally required to issue a second notice to these employees by May 15. Today's announcement means that none of these employees will receive a second notice.

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