

Grants to the San Francisco Unified School District*

Digest by the Ballot Simplification Committee

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The Way It Is Now: The San Francisco Unified School District (School District) is a public agency that is separate from the City and operates the San Francisco public school system through 12th grade.

The City Charter establishes the Public Education Enrichment Fund. Each year the City must contribute a certain amount of money from the general fund for the School District to use for preschool and general education programs, as well as programs for art, music, sports and libraries. In the current fiscal year, the City contributes approximately \$101 million.

At their discretion, the mayor and Board of Supervisors may provide additional funding to the School District.

Under state law, the School District and City College of San Francisco (City College) receive a portion of local property tax revenues from the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund. If any money remains after the School District and City College receive their funding, the City receives most of the remaining money. In the current fiscal year, the City receives approximately \$329 million. That amount could change in future years.

The Proposal: Proposition __ would amend the Charter to provide additional money for the School District from existing City funds, to be placed in a new Student Success Fund (Fund).

The Fund would provide grants to individual schools for programs that improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness. Programs could include academic tutoring, math and literacy specialists, additional social workers, arts and science programming, or afterschool and summer enrichment.

Schools can apply for grants of up to \$1 million per year. To be eligible for these grants, a school must have a school site council with participation required from parents, students, community members and school staff, as well as commit to hiring a full-time coordinator. The City could later further define which schools would be eligible for these grants, specify priorities for grant distribution and establish the grant application process.

The Fund would also pay for potential grants to the School District to establish programs that improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness at a school or group of schools.

Under Proposition __, each year the City would place money in the Fund, as follows:

Fiscal Year	Amount
2023-2024	\$11 million
2024-2025	\$35 million
2025-2026	\$45 million
2026-2027	\$60 million

The City would make contributions to the Fund through fiscal year 2037-38 and the amounts would be adjusted annually.

**Working title, for identification only. The Director of Elections determines the title of each local ballot measure; measure titles are not considered during Ballot Simplification Committee meetings.*

A "YES" Vote Means: If you vote "yes," you want the City to provide additional funding for grants to the San Francisco Unified School District for 15 years to improve student academic achievement and social/emotional wellness.

A "NO" Vote Means: If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.