

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From Vice Mayor Pierce

9.B-1

October 11, 2004

Subject

Council consideration to support H.R. 4585 that would authorize funding for full-service community schools

Recommendation

Adopt a resolution that supports H.R. 4585 and urges the San Mateo Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor the bill.

Background

Through Redwood City 2020 and its partners, the community has successful and long standing partnerships for after-school programs, health services and the Redwood City Family Centers. The Redwood City School District and the County have taken an interest in pursuing development of "community schools". The Community Schools concept takes collaboration one step further by coordinating multiple federal, state and/or local educational and social service programs at public elementary or secondary schools through community-based organizations and public/private partnerships. Recently the partners of Redwood City 2020, and a number of school site teams, participated in a Community Schools conference held by the John Gardner Center at Stanford to learn more about creating successful community schools.

At the federal level, Congressman Steny Hoyer has introduced HR 4585 that would authorize funding for full-service community schools. The County has asked for the City to support this effort with a resolution to be sent to Congressman Hoyer and a copy to the County. While funding may not be introduced this session, it is worthwhile to support the efforts of Congressman Hoyer on behalf of community schools.

This resolution is compatible with our priorities, supports existing collaborations and could help in providing additional resources to our community.

Alternative

Council may choose not to adopt the resolution of support.



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Vice Mayor

Attachment

Draft resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 4585 - FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT OF 2004

WHEREAS, Congressman Steny Hoyer has introduced H.R. 4585, which would authorize funding for full-service community schools, which are public elementary or secondary schools that coordinate multiple federal, state and/or local educational and social service programs through community-based organizations and public/private partnership; and

WHEREAS, the use of full-service community schools best utilizes resources, which results in more cost-efficient services; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County's Family Resource Centers provide a variety of prevention and early intervention social services through partnerships between schools and nonprofits throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Family Resource Centers could benefit from the full-service community school funding; and

WHEREAS, support of H.R. 4585 would further the County's Vision 2010 commitment to ensure basic health and safety for all and would support Goals Nos. 5, 6 and 8 that residents, including children have access to healthcare and safe neighborhoods and that vulnerable people achieve a better quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City Council by adoption of this resolution hereby supports H.R. 4585 and urges the San Mateo County Congressional Delegation to co-sponsor the bill.