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Resolution to Erase, Rewrite and Reauthorize "No Child Left Behind" (The Elementary and Secondary Education Act)

WHEREAS, the Federal education policy renamed by George W. Bush as "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB) needs to be reformed by erasing the portions of the law which are not working for students and are hurting our union brothers and sisters by threatening sanctions, school closures and charter school takeovers based on the results of ONE standardized test; and

WHEREAS, the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association support rewriting NCLB to include multiple measures for student progress, a model that looks at growth for improvement and includes successful programs such as class-size reduction and quality teacher and paraprofessional training; and

WHEREAS, the Congress should reauthorize this law when it is rewritten and fully funded to focus more on targeting resources to help schools succeed rather than taking away resources from the schools which need the most help; and

WHEREAS the rights of education employees to bargain collectively and to be evaluated fairly should not be compromised by the reauthorization of this act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council will support the Erase, Rewrite, Reauthorize plan to reform NCLB and encourage Congressional Representatives, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, to adopt this plan as well.

Submitted by Dennis Kelly, UESF, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on June 11, 2007.

Respectfully,

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