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Item #24

A RESOLUTION 2014-04-17-0012R

ADOPTING A CITY OF SAN ANTONIO EDUCATION POLICY STATEMENT.

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WHEREAS, despite the City's ongoing commitment to and involvement with educational programs in the community, the City has no statement to articulate its policy with respect to education; and

WHEREAS, based on priorities and feedback from the Educational Excellence Committee, the City Manager's Office drafted an Education Policy Statement reflecting the City of San Antonio's plan to ensure the availability of universal, quality educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Education Policy Statement reflects the City of San Antonio's commitment to educational success, provides a community vision to achieve this commitment, and outlines strategies to ensure all residents have access to education opportunities to promote an educated and competitive workforce; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2014, the Educational Excellence Committee voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the attached Education Policy Statement as an official policy of the City of San Antonio; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of San Antonio hereby adopts the City of San Antonio Education Policy Statement reflecting the City's educational commitment, vision, and strategies, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17th day of April, 2014.

M A Y O R
Julián Castro

ATTEST:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for Robert F. Greenblum, City Attorney

Agenda Item:	**24 (in consent vote: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 17A, 17B, 18, 18A, 18B, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 30A, 30B, 31)**
Date:	04/17/2014
Time:	09:47:00 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	A resolution adopting a City of San Antonio Education Policy Statement. [Gloria Hurtado, Assistant City Manager; Melody Woosley, Director, Department of Human Services]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				x
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7	x					
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x			x	
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				

Attachment I

City of San Antonio
Education Policy Statement

Our Commitment

The City of San Antonio is committed to the educational success of all residents as part of our mission to achieve San Antonio's vision of prosperity for our diverse, vibrant, and historic community. As one of the most important factors shaping the well-being of future generations, providing quality education is a key interest of the City's work. Educated residents benefit the community by creating a competitive workforce that attracts investment and greater employment opportunities. In turn, the economic gains of education increase tax revenues, reduce the need for social services, and decrease crime rates.

As the largest municipal corporation for the area, the City of San Antonio is in a unique position to work with local schools, nonprofit organizations, and other groups to build and enhance educational services to the community. Through partnerships and direct services the City is able to coordinate resources to foster an environment that promotes educational excellence, in line with community priorities.

Our Community Vision

The City promotes the goals identified by residents through the SA2020 community visioning process. Out of this effort, a number of indicators were developed to measure our progress toward providing the quality of education that our community wants and deserves. The SA2020 indicators guide our focus in the areas of:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- 3rd Grade Reading
- High School Graduation Rates
- STEM Graduates
- College Readiness/Enrollment/Persistence
- Adults with College Degrees
- Professional Certifications

By tracking our progress toward these goals, we maintain a focus on the top priorities for developing the education system our community needs.

Our Strategies

- Collaborate with area schools, colleges and universities, nonprofit organizations, and other groups
- Use a portion of the City's sales tax revenue to operate the Pre-K 4 SA program, providing free or low-cost full-day pre-kindergarten
- Administer the federal Head Start program in areas with the highest concentration of poverty
- Fund education-related nonprofit and school district programs, which address SA2020 education indicators
- Support college access through the establishment and ongoing support of cafécollege and provide continued funding for college scholarships
- Provide internal City programs that support the SA2020 vision for education
- Ensure accountability of educational programs and align funding decisions through evaluation of performance measures for programs the City supports
- Operate a comprehensive public library system that promotes learning by residents of all ages
- Promote efforts to increase literacy rates among adult residents