

**MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO
THE LOS ANGELES CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR CONSIDERATION**

SUBJECT: Siting of New Schools Near Industrial Facilities

DATE NOTICED: 2/8/05

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 2/22/05

PRESENTED BY: Mr. Lansing, Mr. Huizar
and Ms. LaMotte

MOVED/SECONDED BY:
Mr. Lansing and Ms. Korenstein

MOTION: X

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, The Board of Education adopted a resolution entitled *High Risk Land Use* (Korenstein) on January 14, 2003, directing the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) to confer with appropriate regulatory agencies in compiling an inventory of schools immediately adjacent to “high risk facilities” and further directed OEHS to establish a priority ranking of existing schools based on the level of potential risk to students and staff;

Whereas, The OEHS has organized an “Interagency Work Group” consisting of representatives from the Department of Toxic Substances Control, Air Quality Management District and other appropriate regulatory agencies to focus on high priority schools located near or adjacent to “high risk facilities”;

Whereas, “high risk facilities” are defined as an industrial facility whose normal operation presents a risk of explosion, or may potentially expose school occupants to hazardous air emissions;

Whereas, The OEHS has identified 320 “high risk facilities” within 500 feet of the Los Angeles Unified School District and 14 schools were found to have industrial facilities immediately adjacent to their campus;

Whereas, The District intends to build nearly 160 schools in the next 10 years to relieve overcrowding in some of the most densely populated communities of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, there is no current policy expressing the District’s desire to avoid placing schools adjacent to “high risk” industrial facilities, nor a procedure for evaluating such sites; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That prior to project approval, the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles directs staff to: 1) evaluate the nature of potential risks at the proposed site, 2) identify appropriate measures to mitigate such risks, 3) clearly document the level of residual risk inherent with selection and use of the proposed site; and 4) communicate their findings to the Board in an appropriate environmental document; and be it

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Resolved further, That the Board prohibits the placement of proposed school sites adjacent to industrial property on which a “high risk facility” is operating, unless staff determines that appropriate measures can be implemented to mitigate the risk to below the level of significance; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board directs the Superintendent to have the Office of Environmental Health and Safety work with the appropriate regulatory agencies to ensure the District is notified of any proposed issuance of a permit, or permit modification or renewal associated with industrial activity on property within 500 feet of a District school, and that the District employs whatever legal means available to oppose such permit issuance, modification or renewal as necessary to prevent the introduction of any new significant risk to school occupants.

AYES NOES ABSTAIN ABSENT

Ms. Canter				X
Ms. Korenstein	X			
Ms. LaMotte	X			
Mr. Lansing	X			
Mr. Lauritzen	X			
Mr. Tokofsky	X			
Mr. Huizar	X			
TOTAL	6			1

ACTION: ADOPTED