

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

SUBJECT: High Risk Land Use (Waiver of Board Rule 72)

DATE NOTICED: 1-14-03

PRESENTED FOR ACTION: 1-14-03

PRESENTED BY: Ms. Korenstein/

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

MOTION: X

RESOLUTION:

Whereas, The Atlas Iron and Metal Recycling facility is located immediately adjacent to Jordan High School, and operations at the facility include thermal cutting of metals and the use of hazardous materials, and such operations potentially expose students and staff to objectionable odors and airborne pollutants that present a risk of illness or injury;

Whereas, Recent events at the facility have led to explosions which have propelled metal objects onto the school grounds, dangerously exposing school occupants to risk of serious injury;

Whereas, Federal, State and local agencies have established regulations governing such facilities in the interest of protecting the public against excessive risk of injury, illness or death, whether the result of normal operations, or by the occurrence of industrial accidents;

Whereas, The establishment of many such facilities may predate the more stringent health-protective land use statutes enacted in recent years, and may be operating under conditional use permits that require periodic review to ensure the safety of continued operations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles direct the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, with assistance from the Office of General Counsel, to confer with the appropriate regulatory agencies in implementing all necessary corrective actions to ensure the health and safety of students and staff at Jordan High School, including the possible closure of the Atlas Iron and Metal Recycling facility; and

Resolved further, That the Board direct the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to secure from the relevant agencies, including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City and County Fire Departments, the County Department of Public Works, the City Planning Department, and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control, all pertinent land-use records that identify "high risk facilities" situated immediately adjacent to District schools ("high risk facility" is defined as an industrial facility whose normal operation presents a risk of explosion, or may potentially expose school occupants to hazardous air emissions), and

Resolved, That the Board direct the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to review the aforementioned information and compile an inventory of schools immediately adjacent to "high-risk facilities", and that this inventory include a priority ranking of the

identified schools based on the level of potential risk to students and staff, and that the priority ranking be designed to guide necessary intervention measures to prevent potential injuries and illnesses, and be it

Resolved, That it is the intent of the Board that this motion be implemented on a pilot basis in District I or any self identifying schools, and that the Director of the Environmental Health and Safety Branch report back to the Board by the end of March with recommendations on expansion of this motion District wide; and be it finally

Resolved, That the Board direct the Office of Environmental Health and Safety to confer with the relevant government agencies to assess the need for State legislation to address the issue of "high risk facilities" adjacent to schools.

	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NOES</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Ms. Hayes				X
Mr. Huizar	X			
Ms. Young	X			
Ms. Canter	X			
Mr. Tokofsky				X
Ms. Korenstein	X			
Mr. Lansing	X			
TOTAL	5			2

ACTION: ADOPTED