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Mayor Ginther’s vision for Columbus, America’s Opportunity City, is to create access to a high-quality prekindergarten education for every 4-year-old. Addressing early childhood learning means bringing awareness and resources to a critical learning stage in childhood development. Children who come to school ready to learn are more likely to succeed academically and in life.

Children who participate in high-quality prekindergarten experiences significantly improve their early literacy, language, and math skills. Ample evidence shows that children who enter school unprepared fall farther and farther behind. Students who get a poor start in their earliest years are likely to struggle in high school and subsequently, fail to graduate.

The purpose of Early Start Columbus is to expand high-quality prekindergarten services through partnerships with Columbus City Schools and community-based providers. The providers partnering in the Early Start Columbus Program have all demonstrated their ability to provide a high-quality prekindergarten education. All partnering providers are rated at least three stars in the State’s Step Up To Quality rating and improvement system.

State law makes allowable the braiding of Ohio Department of Education Early Childhood Expansion funds with those of the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Service Publicly Funded Childcare program. The 2021-2022 Early Start Columbus Program combines Office of Education funds with these funding streams to further extend the number of children served while using City funds more efficiently. This approach uses City funds as “last dollar” funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$632,500.00 from the 2022 Office of Education’s General Fund operating budget.

..Title

To authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Education to enter into 2022 ESC summer programming contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations that provide high-quality educational services; to authorize the expenditure of \$632,500.00 from the General Fund. (\$632,500.00)

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WHEREAS, the Director of Education desires to enter into 2022 ESC summer programming contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations that provide high-quality educational services to Columbus children to prepare them for kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, research shows that quality pre-kindergarten instruction provides meaningful value to children’s educational performance and preparation for school; and

WHEREAS, the goal is that all children in City of Columbus will be kindergarten ready; and

WHEREAS, funding was budgeted in the general fund within the Office of Education’s operating budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Office of Education to authorize the Director to enter into summer programming contracts; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Office of Education be and is hereby authorized to enter into 2022

ESC summer programming contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations that provide high-quality educational services in the amounts deemed necessary to continue to advance the Early Start Columbus initiative:

A Better Choice Daycare and Learning Center- 2960 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43231 Contract Compliance# 811548215
Child Development Council of Franklin County- Capital Park- 2150 Agler Road Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 311138997
Child Development Council of Franklin County- G. Tyree- 1077 Lexington Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 Contract Compliance# 311138997
Chosen Kids Learning Center II- 2545 Petzinger Rd Contract Compliance#G, J-K Columbus, OH 43209 Contract Compliance# 813653355
Chosen Kids Learning Center III- 3314 Noe Bixby Rd Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 352489943
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 1- Broad St.) 760 E Broad St. Columbus OH, 43205 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 2- Champion) 240 Champion Ave. Columbus OH, 43203 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 3- Main St.) 1150 E Main St. Columbus, OH 43205 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Montessori Education Center 979 South James Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227 Contract Compliance# 311105385
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location- Easton) 4242 Stelzer Rd. Columbus OH, 43230 Contract Compliance# 262002480
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location- Northland) 2753 Northland Plaza Dr. Columbus, OH 43231 Contract Compliance# 262002480
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 1- East)- 54831 Westbourne Ave. Columbus, OH 43213 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 2- North)- 1601 Shanley Dr. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 3- Southeast)- 2525 Petzinger Rd. Columbus, OH 43209 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 4- West)- 485 Industrial Mile Rd. Columbus, OH 43228 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Future Scholars Learning Academy II- 6116 Mcnaughten Center Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 472321656
Eye To I Learning Centers LLC D.B.A. Heavenly Kids Center for Learning- 404 E Mound St. Columbus, OH 43215 Contract Compliance# 421713021
Joyful Beginnings Children's Learning Academy- 1825 Woodland Ave. Columbus, OH 43219 Contract Compliance# 770703818
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 1- KIPP Columbus) 2800 Inspire Dr. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 451534885
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 2- Tussing)- 6411 E Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Contract Compliance# 451534885
Kiddie Kare Servicing Imagine Schools 2085 Venture Place Groveport, OH 43125 Contract Compliance# 364838101
NCBC Human Services Corporation D.B.A. Kids Care Academy- 3360 Kohr Blvd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 311469146
Little Disciples Learning Center- 4121 Westerville Rd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 260270662
Little Miracles EDC- 4445 Reinbeau Dr. Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 202450653
Little Tigers Learning Center 2- 876 Freeway Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43229 Contract Compliance# 364690027
Maize Manor Preschool- 3901 Maize Rd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 316014976
Our Kidz Enrichment & Child Care Center- 1787 E Livingston Ave. Columbus OH, 43205 Contract Compliance# 452875180
St. Mary Magdalene Church and School- 2490 Parkside Rd. Columbus, OH 43204 Contract Compliance# 314379636
Starting Point Learning Center- 2533 Lockbourne Rd. Columbus, OH 43207 Contract Compliance# 202989639
St. Stephens Community House- 1500 E 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219 Contract Compliance# 314379568
Vineyard Early Childhood Center- 6000 Cooper Rd. Westerville, OH 43081 Contract Compliance# 753210233

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$632,500.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows (**see attachment Ordinance 0481-2022**):

Dept/Div: 40-06 | **Obj Class:** 03 | **Main Account:** 63050 | **Fund:** 1000 | **Sub-fund:** 100010 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount:** \$632,500.00

SECTION 3. That the City Auditor is authorized to make any accounting changes to revise the funding source for all contracts or contract modifications associated with this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are hereby deemed

appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall be effective at the earliest period allowed by law.