

## BOARD & CITY STANDING COMMITTEE Overview



The City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee was established in June 1994. The purpose of the committee is to explore issues of mutual interest to the City and the School District. By participating in this forum, elected and appointed leaders have a unique opportunity to work together to establish a common agenda.

The Committee shall be comprised of representatives of the City and the School District, including three (3) City Council members and three (3) members of the Columbus Board of Education. The committee shall be co-chaired by one (1) member of Columbus City Council and one (1) member of the Columbus Board of Education. A representative(s) of the Mayor of Columbus and the Superintendent & CEO, and President of the Columbus Board of Education, as well as City and School District staff, may participate in committee meetings. The City of Columbus and Columbus City Schools shall host the meetings alternately, on a bi-monthly schedule, or as otherwise determined by the Committee co-chairs. Staff liaisons from the City and the District shall coordinate the meeting schedule and develop the agenda with direction from the Committee co-chairs.

In 2000, the Committee adopted an "Agreement in Principle" which established guidelines for joint cooperation on issues to be addressed by the Committee. In addition, the agreement outlines the mission of the Committee and its objectives. In 2010, both the City of Columbus and the Columbus City Schools agreed it prudent to revisit the agreement, make agreed upon revisions and recommit to the core purpose of the Committee. Moreover, both Columbus City Council and the Columbus Board of Education agreed to adopt resolutions restating the purpose and intent of the City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee, and to memorialize the commitment to cooperation between the City and School District.

The City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee Agreement in Principle

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus and the Columbus City Schools exist as independent, distinct entities, as do their governing bodies, yet both are, in many respects, interdependent; and

WHEREAS, the City and School District have formed a the City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee to consider issues of mutual importance including, but not limited to public safety, economic development, workforce development, technology, and public infrastructure investments; and

WHEREAS, the Standing committee, in an effort to clarify their cooperative relationship, have reached consensus on the attached "Agreement in Principle"; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate, as an indication of their commitment to this agreement, that Columbus City Council and the Columbus City Schools Board of Education, with the support of the Mayor of Columbus and the Superintendent and CEO of the Columbus City Schools, both adopt resolutions which support the "Agreement in Principle"; now, therefore

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the attached "Agreement in Principle" between the City of Columbus and the Columbus City Schools Board of Education, which underscores the critical need for cooperation to resolve issues that affect the community at large, and in particular, the families of the Columbus City School District, is herby adopted.



## The City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee Agreement in Principle



The City of Columbus and the Columbus City Schools exist as independent, distinct entities, as do their governing bodies, yet both are, in many respects, interdependent.

The City of Columbus depends on the Columbus City School District to educate the Columbus workforce, to support our local economy, and to strengthen Columbus neighborhoods. Additionally, Columbus City Schools assists in providing economic, cultural and social opportunities for residents of the city of Columbus. The Columbus City School District relies on the City of Columbus to provide, economic and social opportunities for its students, and to provide economic opportunities for Columbus families, graduates of Columbus City Schools and to strengthen Columbus neighborhoods.

Because the success of City of Columbus and Columbus City Schools are in many ways interdependent, areas of mutual concern, include:

- Effective communication between Columbus City leadership and the Columbus Board of Education and the Superintendent & CEO of Columbus City Schools;
- Public Safety throughout the City of Columbus, most especially in Columbus neighborhoods and within the Columbus City Schools;
- City of Columbus economic development policies, activities and incentives, growth policies, and public infrastructure investments;
- Collaboration between the City of Columbus and Columbus City Schools in the creation, implementation and administration of educational, human and social services.

In furtherance of the shared interests outlined above, the City of Columbus and the Columbus City Schools agree to continue to their longstanding commitment to cooperation through the City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee. The Committee shall be comprised of representatives of the City and the School District, including three (3) City Council members and three (3) members of the Columbus Board of Education. The committee shall be co-chaired by one (1) member of Columbus City Council and one (1) member of the Columbus Board of Education. A

representative(s) of the Mayor of Columbus and the Superintendent & CEO, and President of the Columbus Board of Education, as well as City and School District staff, may participate in committee meetings. The City of Columbus and Columbus City Schools shall host the meetings alternately, on a no less than quarterly schedule, or as otherwise determined by the Committee co-chairs. Staff liaisons from the City and the District shall coordinate the meeting schedule and develop the agenda with direction from the Committee co-chairs.

This "Agreement in Principle" shall guide the City of Columbus-Columbus City Schools Standing Committee; outline areas of cooperation and issues to be addressed by the Committee; and serve to define the mission, purpose and objectives of the Committee.