



Legislation Text

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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 (ESC) 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 2022-2023 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 \$773,250.00 from the 2023 Office of Education’s General Fund operating budget

To authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Education to enter into 2023 ESC summer programming contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations that provide high-quality educational services; to authorize the expenditure of \$773,250.00 from the General Fund; and to waive competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes. (\$773,250.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of Education desires to enter into 2023 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 2023 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:

Provider	Remit Address
A Better Choice Daycare and Learning Center 2	2960 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43231
Agora Christian Services D.B.A. Agora's Little Gems Learning & Childcare	400 West Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215
Cleverbee Academy LLC	1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 414 Cleveland, OH 44114
Child Development Council of Franklin County	999 Crupper Avenue Columbus, OH 43229
Chosen Kids Learning Center II, LLC	3311 E. Livingston Avenue 43227
Chosen Kids Learning Center LLC dba Chosen Kids Learning Center III	3314 Noe Bixby Rd Columbus, OH 43232
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 2- Champion)	240 Champion Ave. Columbus OH, 43203
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 3- Main St.)	1150 E Main St. Columbus, OH 43205
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location 1- Easton)	4242 Stelzer Rd. Columbus OH, 43230
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location 2- Northland)	2753 Northland Plaza Dr. Columbus, OH 43231
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 1- East)	54831 Westbourne Ave. Columbus, OH 43213
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 2- North)	1601 Shanley Dr. Columbus, OH 43224
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 3- Southeast)	2525 Petzinger Rd. Columbus, OH 43209
Future Scholars Learning Academy II (Location 1- McNaughten)	6116 Mcnaughten Center Columbus, OH 43232
Future Scholars Learning Academy II (Location 2- Noe Bixby)	1197 Noe Bixby Road Columbus, OH 43213
Heavenly Kids Center for Learning LLC	404 E Mound St. Columbus, OH 43215
Joyful Beginnings Children's Learning Academy	1825 Woodland Ave. Columbus, OH 43219
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 1- KIPP Columbus)	2800 Inspire Dr. Columbus, OH 43224
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 2- Tussing)	6970 Tussing Road Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Kendra's Kiddie Kare, LLC	2085 Venture Place Groveport, OH 43125
NCBC Human Services Corporation D.B.A. Kids Care Academy	3360 Kohr Blvd. Columbus, OH 43224
Little Disciples Learning Center	4121 Westerville Rd. Columbus, OH 43224
Little Lions Learning Center	2149 Cleveland Avenue Columbus, OH 43211
Little Miracles Early Development Center Inc.	4445 Reinbeau Dr. Columbus, OH 43232
Little Tigers Learning Center 2	876 Freeway Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43229
Mary's Little Lamb Child Interactive Learning Academy	1800 Parsons Avenue Columbus, OH 43207

Ohio State University (A. Sophie Rogers School for Early Learning, Formerly Schoenbaum Family Center)	175 East 7th Avenue, OH 43210
Our Kidz Enrichment & Child Care Centers	1787 E Livingston Ave. Columbus OH, 43205
St. Mary Magdalene Church and School	2490 Parkside Rd. Columbus, OH 43204
Starting Point Learning Center	2533 Lockbourne Rd. Columbus, OH 43207
Saint Stephen Community Services, Inc.	1500 E 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219
Young Men's Christian Association of Central Ohio	1907 Leonard Ave. Ste. 150 Columbus, OH 43215

SECTION 2. That the Council finds it is in the best interest of the City of Columbus to waive competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes, Chapter 329, to award these contracts.

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$773,250.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows (**see attachment Ordinance 1475-2023**):

Dept/Div: 40-06 | **Obj Class:** 03 | **Main Account:** 63050 | **Fund:** 1000 | **Sub-fund:** 100010 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount** : \$773,250.00

SECTION 4. 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 5. 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 6. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.