



## Legislation Text

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Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every Columbus child has access to a safe after-school environment to continue his/her education at the end of the school day.

According to the Harvard Family Research Project and its national database of evaluations, research confirms that "children and youth who participate in after-school programs can reap a host of positive benefits in a number of interrelated outcome areas-academic, social-emotional, prevention, and health and wellness. These are the skills that many suggest are necessary for youth to succeed in the 21st Century global economy and world."

The Mayor's Office of Education is working with YMCA of Central Ohio, Columbus City Schools, and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio to develop and implement an after school program for middle school youth for the 2023-2024 school year. Over 300 Columbus middle school students will be served at Columbus City Schools middle school buildings, Boys and Girls Club clubs, YMCA branches, and other community sites, beginning in September 2023. A pilot program, serving 80 youth at three locations occurred in winter and spring 2023.

The Office of Education requests the authority to partner with YMCA of Central Ohio to coordinate the work and to provide direct services to middle school students.

This contract will be entered into in compliance with relevant procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329.30.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract (\$1,400,000.00) is available within the 2023 Mayor's Office of Education General Fund budget. (\$1,400,000.00)

**EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:**

Emergency designation is requested to ensure the funding can be provided to the YMCA of Central Ohio so that the program can commence in September 2023.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Mayor's Office of Education to enter into a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for the purposes of planning and coordinating an after school program for middle school youth, and providing direct services to Columbus youth; to authorize the expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 from the general fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,400,000.00).

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every Columbus child has access to a safe after-school environment to continue their education at the end of the school day; and

**WHEREAS**, research has proven that children who participate in after-school programs learn the skills that many suggest are necessary to succeed in the 21st Century global economy and world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor's Office of Education is working with Columbus City Schools, Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio, and the YMCA of Central Ohio on an after school program for middle school students, funded by the Office's 2023 operating budget, and scheduled to commence in September 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, YMCA of Central Ohio will provide direct services to middle school students as part of this program, as well as assisting in the planning and coordinating of the program; and

**WHEREAS**, this contract is being awarded to the YMCA of Central Ohio pursuant to Section 329.30, for which the City does not supply such services; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into such contracts and expend such funds so that the program can commence in September 2023, all for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; and **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Mayor's Office of Education is authorized to enter into a contract with the YMCA of Club of Central Ohio for the purposes of planning and coordinating an after school program for middle school youth, and providing direct services to Columbus youth, beginning September 2023.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows :

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**SECTION 3.** 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 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 legislation.

**SECTION 5.** That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor or 10 days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.