



## Legislation Text

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Ordinance 2402-2022 authorized the Mayor's Office of Education to enter into contracts with various early education providers as part of the 2022-2023 Early Start Columbus Program. Unfortunately, several of the providers identified in the ordinance were unable to participate in this program. The amount allocated was \$5,305,500.00 and the remaining balance less pending purchase orders is \$115,150.00 on ACPO008302.

The Office of Education would like to use this unused funding for other service contracts to support their work, including an after school pilot project that will serve middle school youth. Funding for the pilot project, scheduled to commence in February 2023, is being requested as part of the Office of Education's 2023 operating budget allocation. The funding requested in this ordinance is crucial in the planning and development of the program. Children 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. All contracts will be entered into compliance with relevant procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329.

Emergency action is requested for this ordinance in order to ensure that the planning work for the middle school after school pilot program can continue

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No additional funds are being requested. Funding would be from previously established ACPO008302.

To authorize the Director of the Mayor's Office of Education to use the available funding on ACPO008302 for the purpose of entering into contracts that align with the goals of the Office of Education, and for the planning and development of after school pilot project for middle school students; and to declare an emergency. (\$115,150.00)

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to continue to plan and develop an after school pilot program for middle school students that will commence in February 2023, and

**WHEREAS**, after school programs provide numerous benefits to students and families and assist with social emotional development, ; and,

**WHEREAS**, all contracts will be entered into compliance with relevant procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329; and

**WHEREAS**, this ordinance is being submitted as an emergency measure so that timely services can proceed without interruption; and

**WHEREAS**, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of Education in that it is immediately necessary to continue the planning and development of the pilot program, for the immediate preservation of the public health, peace, property, safety and welfare; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** That the Director of the Office of Education is hereby authorized to enter into necessary contracts to continue to plan and develop an after school pilot program for middle school students.

**SECTION 2.** That this Council hereby recognizes that this ordinance does not identify specific vendors or contractors for the expenditure purposes authorized herein and hereby delegates sole and final contracting decisions relative to the determination of lowest, best, most responsive and most responsible vendor(s) to the Director of Education. All contracts will be entered into compliance with relevant procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329.

**SECTION 3.** That the expenditure of up to \$115,150.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in regard to the actions authorized in Section 1, be and is hereby authorized and approved from ACPO008302.

**SECTION 4.** That the funds necessary to carry out the purpose of this ordinance are available on ACPO008302 and are hereby deemed appropriated, and the City Auditor shall establish such accounting codes as necessary.

**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 ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.