



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education. To meet this goal, the City must engage organizations that are positioned to assist in this effort.

Therefore, the Office of Education requests permission to contract with HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform. CeeHiVE is a cloud-based web application that pre-kindergarten providers use to assimilate enrollment, assessment and attendance data, and allows teachers to make real-time decisions on instruction. CeeHiVE can help improve program outcomes and increase effectiveness through its unique dashboard and reporting capabilities.

The Office also requests to waive competitive bidding per City Code Chapter 329.15 as HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC was selected due to their prior experience and success in providing the same services since 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Funding for this contract (\$205,325.00) is available within the 2024 Office of Education General Fund budget.

To authorize the Director of the Office of Education to enter into a contract with HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform, a program necessary to achieve the Mayor's goal that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; and to authorize the expenditure of \$205,325.00 from the general fund. (\$205,325.00)

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every 4-year-old in Columbus has access to a high-quality pre-kindergarten education; and

**WHEREAS**, HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC is uniquely able to assist the Office of Education accomplish the Mayor's goal; and

**WHEREAS**, HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC has provided this same service to the Office of Education since 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC provides ongoing technical support to pre-kindergarten providers for the CeeHiVE data platform; and

**WHEREAS**, CeeHiVE data can help improve early education program outcomes and increase effectiveness through its unique dashboard and reporting capabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code to allow this

purchase since HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC has prior experience and success in providing the same services since 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary in the usual daily operation of the Office of Education to authorize the Director to enter into contract with HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC to provide ongoing support for the CeeHiVe data platform to preserve the public health, peace, 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 authorized to enter into a contract with HMB - Learning Circle Software, LLC to provide ongoing technical support for the CeeHiVE data platform.

**SECTION 2.** That the expenditure of \$205,325.00 or so much thereof as may be needed, is hereby authorized to be expended from the General Fund as follows: **(See attachment 0976-2024)**

**Div.:** 40-06 | **Fund:** 1000 | **SubFund:** 100010 | **Obj. Class:** 03 | **Main Acct:** 63050 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount:** \$205,325.00

**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 this Council finds it is in the City's best interest to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code pursuant to Section 329.15.

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