



Legislation Text

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To Recognize “I Know I Can” on their 30th Anniversary and Congratulate Them on the Valuable Work They do in Columbus City Schools.

WHEREAS, “I Know I Can”, one of the most successful college access programs in the country and the only program currently serving in the City of Columbus, has made higher education a reality for thousands of Columbus City School’s students who dreamed of a college education and are able to achieve those dreams through programs provided by this organization; and

WHEREAS, with a team of dedicated staff and advisors, as well as partnerships with Columbus City Schools, “I Know I Can” offers services ranging from children’s books to one-on-one counseling and in-depth college planning blueprints that ensure success for all grade levels; and

WHEREAS, committed to their mission to aid Columbus City School students in pursuing dreams of higher education by not only helping families navigate the often challenging college application process, but also financially, awarding over \$1.5 million a year in financial aid for CCS graduates enrolled in post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, “I Know I Can” has successfully awarded over 22,000 grants to graduates of Columbus City Schools, is valued at nearly \$23 million and leveraged additional financial aid, and worth more than \$300 million to CCS graduates ; and

WHEREAS, because of their commitment to aiding students in the Columbus City School district, “I Know I Can” was honored to be selected as one of eight recipients for The Kresge Foundation’s FAFSA Completion Challenge grant after assisting students to achieve a 59.26% completion rate, one of the highest in the nation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby congratulate “I Know I Can” on its 30th anniversary and honor all the work it has done to promote and aide the students of Columbus City Schools in pursuing higher education.