



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 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 2020-2021 Early Start Columbus Program combines Education Department 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 \$2,683,096.00 from the 2020 Department of Education's General Fund operating budget.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency designation is requested to ensure the contracts are enacted before school commences.

To authorize and direct the Director of Education to enter into contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations to provide educational services; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Codes; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$2,683,096.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,683,096.00)

WHEREAS, the Director of Education desires to enter into contracts with various high-quality prekindergarten organizations to provide educational services and quality prekindergarten services to Columbus 4-year-olds 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 by 2020 the City of Columbus will make sure that every 4-year-old in Columbus is kindergarten ready; and

WHEREAS, funding was budgeted in the general fund within the Department of Education's operating budget for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into contracts to allow services to commence before school begins, all for the preservation of public health, peace, property, and safety; now, therefore:

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of Education be and is hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the following quality pre-kindergarten organizations, under the terms and conditions and in the amounts deemed necessary to advance the Early Start Columbus initiative. Contracts are being awarded to the below providers. These providers were selected due to their prior experience and success in providing the same services in the 2019-2020 school year:

A. Sophie Rogers School (Schoenbaum Family Center)	175 East 7th Ave. Columbus, OH 43210
All Saints Academy Preschool	2855 E Livingston Ave. Columbus, OH 43209
Child Development Council of Franklin County- Capital Park	2150 Agler Road Columbus, OH 43224
Child Development Council of Franklin County- G. Tyree	1077 Lexington Avenue Columbus, OH 43211
Child Development Council of Franklin County- Linden Park	1400 Myrtle Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
Childhood League, Inc.	674 Cleveland Ave. Columbus OH, 43215
Chosen Kids Learning Center II	2545 Petzinger Rd #G, J-K Columbus, OH 43209
Chosen Kids Learning Center III	3314 Noe Bixby Rd Columbus, OH 43232
Columbus City Schools- Linden Park	1400 Myrtle Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
Columbus City Schools	270 East State St. Columbus, OH 43215
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 1- Broad St.)	760 E Broad St. Columbus OH, 43205
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
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 4- Linden Park)	1400 Myrtle Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
Columbus Montessori Education Center	979 South James Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location- Easton)	4242 Stelzer Rd. Columbus OH, 43230
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
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 4- West)	485 Industrial Mile Rd. Columbus, OH 43228
Future Scholars Learning Academy II	6116 Menaughten Center Columbus, OH 43232
Gladden Community House	183 Hawkes Ave. Columbus, OH 43223
Heavenly Kids Center for Learning	404 E Mound St. Columbus, OH 43215
Hilltop Preschool	2473 W. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43204
Joyful Beginnings Children's Learning Academy	1825 Woodland Ave. Columbus, OH 43219

Kiddie Academy of Reynoldsburg	6411 E Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Kids Care Academy	3360 Kohr Blvd. Columbus, OH 43224
Little Disciples Learning Center	4121 Westerville Rd. Columbus, OH 43224
Little Gems Learning Place	2030 Leonard Avenue Columbus, OH 43219
Little Miracles EDC	4445 Reinbeau Dr. Columbus, OH 43232
Maize Manor Preschool	3901 Maize Rd. Columbus, OH 43224
Our Kidz Enrichment & Child Care Center	1787 E Livingston Ave. Columbus OH, 43205
Prewitt's Playhouse Early Learning Center	1860 Lockbourne Road Columbus, OH 43207
South Side Learning & Development Center	280 Reeb Ave. Columbus. OH 43207
St. Mary Magdalene	2490 Parkside Rd. Columbus, OH 43204
Starting Point Learning Center	2533 Lockbourne Rd. Columbus, OH 43207
St. Stephen's Community House	1500 E 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219
Vineyard Early Childhood Center	6000 Cooper Rd. Westerville, OH 43081
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 1- Early Learning Center)	2879 Johnstown Rd. Columbus, OH 43219
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 2- Fairwood Elementary)	726 Fairwood Ave. Columbus, OH 43205
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 3- Hilltop Educare Center)	1952 W Broad St. Columbus, OH 43223
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 4- KIPP Early Learning Center)	2800 Inspire Dr. Columbus, OH 43224
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 5- West Central Preschool)	1481 W Town St. Columbus, 43223
YMCA of Central Ohio- (Location 6- Valleyview Elementary SALK)	2989 Valleyview Dr. Columbus OH 43204

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

SECTION 3. That the expenditure of \$2,683,096.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows (**see attachment Ordinance 1722-2020 Legislation Template**):

Dept/Div: 42-01 | **Obj Class:** 03 | **Main Account:** 63050 | **Fund:** 1000 | **Sub-fund:** 100010 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount:** \$2,683,096.00

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 for the 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.