



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.

Through Early Start Columbus, the Office of Education provides crucial prekindergarten programming to Columbus children, City-wide, during the school year. However, due to "summer slide", many children lose ground over the summer months. For the first time ever, the Office of Education is providing funding to Early Start providers so that they may continue to provide this important programming for their children throughout the summer, so that their children will be better prepared to transition to kindergarten.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance authorizes an expenditure of \$632,500.00 from the 2022 Office of Education's General Fund operating budget.

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION: Emergency designation is requested so programming may continue uninterrupted during the summer.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Office of Education to enter into contracts with Early Start Columbus providers so that they may provide summer programming for rising kindergarteners; to authorize the expenditure of \$632,500.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$632,500.00)

WHEREAS, through Early Start Columbus, Columbus children receive crucial prekindergarten programming during the school year; and

WHEREAS, some children lose ground during the summer months due to "summer slide"; and

WHEREAS, continuing to serve children over the summer will reduce summer loss and better prepare children to transition to kindergarten;

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

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Mayor's Office of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with Early Start Columbus providers so programming may continue uninterrupted during the summer, 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 the Office of Education be and is hereby authorized to enter into 2022 ESC summer

programming contracts with high-quality prekindergarten organizations that provide high-quality educational services in the amounts deemed necessary to continue to advance the Early Start Columbus initiative during the summer:

A Better Choice Daycare and Learning Center- 2960 E. Dublin Granville Rd. Columbus, OH 43231 Contract Compliance# 811548215
Child Development Council of Franklin County- Capital Park- 2150 Agler Road Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 311138997
Child Development Council of Franklin County- G. Tyree- 1077 Lexington Avenue Columbus, OH 43211 Contract Compliance# 311138997
Chosen Kids Learning Center II- 2545 Petzinger Rd Contract Compliance#G, J-K Columbus, OH 43209 Contract Compliance# 813653355
Chosen Kids Learning Center III- 3314 Noe Bixby Rd Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 352489943
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 1- Broad St.) 760 E Broad St. Columbus OH, 43205 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 2- Champion) 240 Champion Ave. Columbus OH, 43203 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Early Learning Centers (Location 3- Main St.) 1150 E Main St. Columbus, OH 43205 Contract Compliance# 314379619
Columbus Montessori Education Center 979 South James Road, Columbus, Ohio 43227 Contract Compliance# 311105385
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location- Easton) 4242 Stelzer Rd. Columbus OH, 43230 Contract Compliance# 262002480
Connected Pathways Early Learning Centers (Location- Northland) 2753 Northland Plaza Dr. Columbus, OH 43231 Contract Compliance# 262002480
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 1- East)- 54831 Westbourne Ave. Columbus, OH 43213 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 2- North)- 1601 Shanley Dr. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 3- Southeast)- 2525 Petzinger Rd. Columbus, OH 43209 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Creative Child Care, Inc. (Location 4- West)- 485 Industrial Mile Rd. Columbus, OH 43228 Contract Compliance# 310795403
Future Scholars Learning Academy II- 6116 Mcnaughten Center Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 472321656
Eye To I Learning Centers LLC D.B.A. Heavenly Kids Center for Learning- 404 E Mound St. Columbus, OH 43215 Contract Compliance# 421713021
Joyful Beginnings Children's Learning Academy- 1825 Woodland Ave. Columbus, OH 43219 Contract Compliance# 770703818
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 1- KIPP Columbus) 2800 Inspire Dr. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 451534885
Haynes School, INC. D.B.A. Kiddie Academy (Location 2- Tussing)- 6411 E Main St. Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 Contract Compliance# 451534885
Kiddie Kare Servicing Imagine Schools 2085 Venture Place Groveport, OH 43125 Contract Compliance# 364838101
NCBC Human Services Corporation D.B.A. Kids Care Academy- 3360 Kohr Blvd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 311469146
Little Disciples Learning Center- 4121 Westerville Rd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 260270662
Little Miracles EDC- 4445 Reinbeau Dr. Columbus, OH 43232 Contract Compliance# 202450653
Little Tigers Learning Center 2- 876 Freeway Dr. N., Columbus, OH 43229 Contract Compliance# 364690027
Maize Manor Preschool- 3901 Maize Rd. Columbus, OH 43224 Contract Compliance# 316014976
Our Kidz Enrichment & Child Care Center- 1787 E Livingston Ave. Columbus OH, 43205 Contract Compliance# 452875180
St. Mary Magdalene Church and School- 2490 Parkside Rd. Columbus, OH 43204 Contract Compliance# 314379636
Starting Point Learning Center- 2533 Lockbourne Rd. Columbus, OH 43207 Contract Compliance# 202989639
St. Stephens Community House- 1500 E 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43219 Contract Compliance# 314379568
Vineyard Early Childhood Center- 6000 Cooper Rd. Westerville, OH 43081 Contract Compliance# 753210233

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$632,500.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows (see attachment Ordinance 0481-2022):

Dept/Div: 40-06 | **Obj Class:** 03 | **Main Account:** 63050 | **Fund:** 1000 | **Sub-fund:** 100010 | **Program:** ED001 | **Amount** : \$632,500.00

SECTION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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.

