



Legislation Text

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Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every Columbus child has access to a safe after-school environment to continue his/her education at the end of the school day.

According to the Harvard Family Research Project and its national database of evaluations, research confirms that "children and youth who participate 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. These are the skills that many suggest are necessary for youth to succeed in the 21st Century global economy and world."

The Mayor's Office of Education is working with Columbus City Schools and the Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio to develop an after school program for middle school youth. A pilot program, serving 240 middle school youth at six locations, will begin in February 2023. A more comprehensive after school program for middle school youth is still being developed and will commence in the 2023-2024 school year. Ordinance 0294-2023 provided upfront funding to the Boys and Girls Club for costs incurring during the planning of the program. The Office of Education requests the authority to partner with Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio to provide direct services for the pilot program beginning in February.

This contract will be entered into compliance with relevant procurement provisions of the Columbus City Codes Chapter 329.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funding for this contract (\$255,000.00) is available within the 2023 Mayor's Office of Education General Fund budget. **Therefore, this ordinance is contingent upon passage of the 2023 General Operating Budget, Ord. 2936-2022.**

EMERGENCY DESIGNATION:

Emergency designation is requested to ensure the funding can be provided to the Boys and Girls Club as soon as possible.

To authorize and direct the Director of the Mayor's Office of Education to enter into a contract with the Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio for the purposes of engaging in an after school pilot program for middle schools students beginning in February 2023; to authorize the expenditure of \$255,000.00 from the General Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$255,000.00)

WHEREAS, Mayor Ginther's vision for Columbus, America's Opportunity City, is that every Columbus child has access to a safe after-school environment to continue their education at the end of the school day; and

WHEREAS, research has proven that children who participate in after-school programs learn the skills that many suggest are necessary to succeed in the 21st Century global economy and world; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office of Education is working with Columbus City Schools and Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio on an after school pilot program, funded by the Office's 2023 operating budget, and scheduled to commence in February 2023; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio will provide direct service to middle school students as part of this program; and

WHEREAS, this contract is being awarded to The Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio pursuant to Section 329.30, for which the City does not supply such services; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Office of Education in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director to enter into such contracts and expend such funds, for the preservation of public health, peace and property and safety; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. That the Director of the Mayor's Office of Education is authorized to enter into a contract with Boys and Girls Club of Central Ohio for the purposes of engaging in an after school pilot program for middle schools students beginning in February 2023.

SECTION 2. That the expenditure of \$255,000.00 be and is hereby authorized as follows :

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