
City-School Coordinating Committee

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Intent

The council hereby declares the legislative intent of this division is to achieve the most effective possible coordination and utilization of all resources of the city and the school district that may serve the recreational, educational, cultural, and social needs of the people of the city. The purpose of this division is to formalize the city's commitment to collaborate with School District No. 1 and nothing herein shall be construed to require participation or attendance by committee members. The committee shall not take any formal action and shall solely be utilized to study and recommend further opportunities for coordination and partnership between the city and School District No. 1.

Proposal

- Updating language for the City-School Coordinating Committee
- Last met during former Mayor Hancock's first term, around 2011.
- Committee dates to 1938 and was last substantially revised in the 1950s.
- Repeal and replace DRMC Division 5, Article VIII, Chapter 2
- Allows the city and DPS to collaborate on issues each organization faces
- Not related to education reform

Repeal & Replace

Current Ordinance

- 14 committee members
- 3-year terms
- Meets quarterly
- Limited legislative intent
- Officers: One chairperson and other such officers
- Powers and duties section
- Includes sections for Consultation with other agencies, Relation to city departments and agencies, and Staff

Proposed Ordinance

- 9 committee members
- 2-year terms
- Meets every 2 months
- Expanded legislative intent
- Officers and bylaws: Two chairpersons, to serve as co-chairs
- Purpose section
- Removed sections for Consultation with other agencies, Relation to city departments and agencies, and Staff

Membership

City & County of Denver

- The Mayor, or their designee
- Two members of City Council, appointed by the president of council
- The director of the Office of Children Affairs or their designee
- One resident of Denver appointed by the president of council

Denver Public Schools

- Two members of the Board of Education designated by the board
- The Superintendent of schools, or their designee
- One resident of Denver that is a DPS educator or principal appointed by the Superintendent

Benefits

Promote collaboration between the city, the school district, schools and community members to better serve our students (children and youth), their families, educators and broader community by:

Establishing open and frequent lines of communications to discuss current issues and needs of children, youth, families and educators.

- Eg: Affordable housing crisis, migrant response, and significant mental health needs.

Providing the structure to address unforeseen challenges and coordinate on ways to improve the outcomes to our community, families, children, youth and educators.

- Eg: COVID-19 Pandemic, migrant response

Partnering on infrastructure investments that benefit students' physical, mental and social development and well-being.

- Eg: Discussing how to decrease duplication of expenses, identify opportunities to coordinate for the development and maintenance of programs that benefit our children, youth, families and educators.

Outreach

August 21

- Shared draft ordinance with our Council members
- Shared draft ordinance with the DPS Board of Education
- Shared draft ordinance with DPS Superintendent Dr. Marrero
- Received feedback on draft ordinance from DPS Board of Education member Scott Baldermann

August 22

- Received feedback on draft ordinance from DPS Board of Education President Xóchitl Gaytán

August 29

- Shared draft ordinance with Office of Children Affairs Director Janiszewski
- Received feedback on draft ordinance from DPS Superintendent Dr. Marrero

August 31

- Met with DPS General Counsel, DPS staff, CAO to discuss ordinance in response to concerns from DPS



Outreach

September 22

- Discussed intent of ordinance with DPS Board of Education President Xóchitl Gaytán

September 29

- City Council members received DPS redline draft
- Called Council members to discuss concerns with DPS redline draft

October 4

- Notified Council members ordinance scheduled for SAFETY Committee
- Notified DPS Board of Education President Xóchitl Gaytán ordinance scheduled for SAFETY Committee

October 10

- Notified DPS Board of Education, DPS Superintendent and DPS Staff, ordinance scheduled for SAFETY Committee and shared copies of current and draft ordinance language again
- Discussed intent of ordinance and concerns with DPS Board of Education President Xóchitl Gaytán



Outreach

October 11

- Discussed intent of ordinance and concerns with DPS Board of Education President Xóchitl Gaytán and Vice President Auon'tai Anderson
- Met with the Denver Classroom Teachers Association and the Colorado Education Association

October 12

- Received email from DPS staff with suggested edits to the draft ordinance

October 16

- Incorporated DPS edits and shared updated draft ordinance with the DPS Board of Education, Council members, and DPS Superintendent Dr. Marrero and staff

October 17

- Received email from DPS staff with additional suggested edits to the draft ordinance
- Incorporated additional DPS edits and shared updated draft ordinance with DPS Superintendent Dr. Marrero and staff

Timeline

10/18/2023
SAFETY Committee
& Public Comment

10/24/2023
Mayor-Council

10/30/2023
Council First
Reading

11/06/2023
Council Final
Reading & Vote





Questions?