

BY AUTHORITY

ORDINANCE NO. _____
SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO. 23-1507

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness

A BILL

For an ordinance repealing and reenacting Division 5 of Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the Revised Municipal Code concerning a City-School Coordinating Committee.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver (the “City”) and School District No. 1 have long been active partners in serving Denver residents;

WHEREAS, factors and conditions both inside and outside of school impact issues facing Denver residents including youth violence, childhood health, family stability, and community wellbeing;

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and acknowledges that Article 20, Section 7 of the Colorado Constitution grants exclusive control of the conduct, affairs, and business of School District No.1 to its Board of Education;

WHEREAS, nothing in this ordinance is intended to conflict with or supersede the requirements, duties, powers, or authority of the School District No. 1. Board of Education or its Superintendent, or otherwise dictate education policy or district policy;

WHEREAS, this City and School District No. 1 have entered into various contracts to jointly administer programs using city and school funding and facilities, including the Health Food for Denver’s Kids Initiative, the Denver Great Kids Head Start program, and the City’s Youth Violence Prevention Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to formalize its commitment to collaborate with School District No. 1. in serving Denver residents.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That Division 5, Article VIII, Section 2, D.R.M.C., is hereby repealed in its entirety and the section is amended by re-enacting a new Division 5 to read as follows:

DIVISION 5. - CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

1 **Sec. 2-229. - Legislative intent.**

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

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10 **Sec. 2-230. - Establishment and membership.**

11 There is hereby created a city-school coordinating committee which shall consist of the following
12 members:

- 13 (a) The mayor, or the mayor's designee;
- 14 (b) The director of the office of children affairs or the director's designee;
- 15 (c) Two (2) members of city council, appointed by the president of council ;
- 16 (d) Two (2) members of the board of education of School District No. 1, designated by the
17 board;
- 18 (e) The superintendent of School District No. 1, or the superintendent's designee; and
- 19 (f) Three (3) residents of the city, as follows:
 - 20 (1) one (1) of whom shall be an educator in School District No.1 appointed by the
21 superintendent;
 - 22 (2) one (1) of whom shall be a principal in School District No. 1 appointed by the
23 superintendent; and
 - 24 (3) one (1) of whom shall be a parent of a student currently enrolled in a school in
25 School District No.1, a student enrolled in School District No. 1., or a person under the age of
26 twenty-five (25) formerly enrolled in a school in School District No.1., appointed by the
27 president of council.

28 **Sec. 2-231. - Term of committee members.**

- 29 (a) The members of the city-school coordinating committee shall serve for a period of two (2)
30 years.
- 31 (b) Committee members may be reappointed for successive terms.

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33 **Sec. 2-232. - Vacancies.**

34 Any vacancy which occurs on the city-school coordinating committee shall be filled in

1 accordance with the provisions of section 2-230 and the new member so appointed to the committee
2 shall serve the unexpired term of the person so replaced.

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4 **Sec. 2-233. - Officers and bylaws.**

5 The city-school coordinating committee shall elect two chairpersons from its membership who
6 shall serve as co-chairs, each of whom shall be from a different category of membership as identified
7 in section 2-230(a)-(f). Co-chair terms and other procedural or operational matters affecting the
8 committee may be set by the committee's bylaws.

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10 **Sec. 2-234. - Meetings.**

11 (a) The first annual meeting of the committee shall occur no later than March 31st of each
12 calendar year.

13 (b) The annual schedule of regular meetings of the city-school coordinating committee shall
14 be established by a majority of the members present, but the commission must meet no less
15 frequently than every two (2) months, except as provided in subsection (c).

16 (c) The co-chairs of the committee may jointly determine to call additional meetings or cancel
17 scheduled meetings as needed.

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19 **Sec. 2-235. - Purpose.**

20 The purpose of the committee shall be to undertake, on a continuing basis, the study and discussion
21 of all possibilities for cooperation between the city and the school district, which may be referred to the
22 mayor, council, superintendent, and board of education for action by the members belonging to those
23 respective entities, in their sole discretion, as follows:

24 (a) To study and discuss the development, maintenance, and use of facilities or programs
25 authorized by the city and the school district that serve the recreational, educational, social, and
26 cultural needs of the people of the city, so as to avoid duplication of expenses and efforts and provide
27 facilities and programs which can be used by the greatest number of people possible during the
28 maximum periods of time;

29 (b) To study and discuss needed policies, changes in present operations, practices or
30 procedures, including safety policies and procedures;

31 (c) To study and discuss legislative action designed to serve the recreational, educational,
32 cultural, and social needs of the people of the city;

33 (d) To study and discuss federal, state, local, and private funds that may be available for
34 joint city-school district programs and activities;

1 (e) To study and discuss alternative financing mechanisms that may be available for the
2 purposes of joint city-school district programs and activities; and

3 (f) To request assistance from other public agencies and higher educational institutions, as
4 well as private organizations and agencies, concerned with the educational, recreational, social, and
5 cultural needs of the people of the city.

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7 **Sec. 2-236 - No penalty.**

8 The failure by any person to take any action required by this division shall not be subject to any
9 penalty including the penalty set forth in section 1-13.

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11 **Secs. 2-237-9. - Reserved.**

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13 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: October 18, 2023

14 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: October 24, 2023

15 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____

16 _____ - PRESIDENT

17 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____

18 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
19 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
20 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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22 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____; _____

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24 PREPARED BY: Anshul Bagga, Assistant City Attorney; DATE: November 2, 2023

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26 Pursuant to section 13-9, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of the
27 City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form and have no legal objection to the proposed
28 ordinance. The proposed ordinance is not submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
29 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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31 Kerry Tipper, Denver City Attorney

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33 BY: _____, Assistant City Attorney DATE: _____