

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2023

COUNCIL BILL NO. _____
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:

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5 A BILL

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7 For an ordinance repealing and reenacting Division 5 of Article VIII of Chapter 2 of the
8 Revised Municipal Code concerning a City-School Coordinating Committee.
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10 WHEREAS, the City and County of Denver (the "City") and School District No. 1 have
11 long been active partners in serving Denver residents;

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

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

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

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

25 WHEREAS, the City seeks to formalize its commitment to collaborate with School District
26 No. 1. in serving Denver residents.
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28 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

29 **Section 1.** That Division 5, Article VIII, Section 2, D.R.M.C., is hereby repealed in its entirety
30 and the section is amended by re-enacting a new Division 5 to read as follows:
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32 **DIVISION 5. - CITY-SCHOOL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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

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

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

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

- 12 (a) The mayor, or the mayor's designee;
- 13 (b) Two (2) members of city council, appointed by the president of council;
- 14 (c) The director of the office of children affairs or the director's designee;
- 15 (d) Two (2) members of the board of education of School District No. 1, designated by the
16 board;
- 17 (e) The superintendent of School District No. 1, or the superintendent's designee; and
- 18 (f) Two (2) residents of the city, one (1) of whom shall be an educator or principal in School
19 District No.1 appointed by the superintendent and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the president
20 of council.

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

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

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26 **Sec. 2-232. - Vacancies.**

27 Any vacancy which occurs on the city-school coordinating committee shall be filled in
28 accordance with the provisions of section 2-230 and the new member so appointed to the committee
29 shall serve the unexpired term of the person so replaced.

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

32 The city-school coordinating committee shall elect from its membership, two chairpersons, who
33 shall serve as co-chairs, and each of whom shall be from a different category of membership, as
34 identified in section 2-230(a)-(f). Co-chair terms, and other policies affecting the committee, may be set

1 by the committee's bylaws.

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3 **Sec. 2-234. - Meetings.**

4 (a) The schedule of regular meetings of the city-school coordinating committee shall be
5 established by a majority of the membership, but the commission must meet no less frequently than
6 every two (2) months, except as provided in subsection (b).

7 (b) The co-chairs of the committee may jointly determine to call additional meetings or cancel
8 scheduled meetings as needed.

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10 **Sec. 2-235. - Purpose.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Secs. 2-237-9. - Reserved.

COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: _____, 2023.

MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: _____, 2023.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL _____ 2023

_____ - PRESIDENT

APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____ 2023

ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____ 2023; _____ 2023

PREPARED BY: _____ ; DATE: _____

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

Kerry Tipper, City Attorney

BY: _____, _____ City Attorney DATE: _____