

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-123 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 URGING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE FUNDING
3 FOR ALL SCHOOLS THAT WISH TO IMPLEMENT A COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
4 FRAMEWORK MODEL, AND ENCOURAGING A POSITION FOR A COMMUNITY
5 SCHOOL COORDINATOR BE CREATED; AND URGES THE NEW MEXICO
6 STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NEW
7 MEXICO COMMUNITIES SCHOOLS ACT DURING THE 2019 LEGISLATIVE
8 SESSION.

9 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque believes that the model set forth in the
10 New Mexico Community School Act (22-32-1 to 22-32-4 NMSA 1978), “The
11 Act”, provides a significantly greater benefit to students, integrates
12 communication between the school and community and provides strategic
13 focus for decision making; and

14 WHEREAS, no two community schools look the same, requiring authentic,
15 community conversations to determine local needs; and

16 WHEREAS, community schools interventions meet the requirements of
17 Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) as an evidence-based intervention that
18 positively impacts students and leads to increased student achievement
19 across the school; and

20 WHEREAS, community schools look to improve student learning while also
21 providing health and social support and developing family and community
22 engagement; and

23 WHEREAS, the community school framework core focus areas and theory
24 of action include integrated student support, expanded learning time and
25 opportunities, family and community engagement and collaborative leadership

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1 and practices, thereby focusing school resources and design around
2 supporting the whole child; and

3 WHEREAS, The City of Albuquerque strives to ensure the very best
4 education possible to each child in our community; and

5 WHEREAS, New Mexico children deserve to be invested in because they
6 define the future success of the state; and

7 WHEREAS, students face obstacles to learning and improved achievement
8 that require attention to the whole child; and

9 WHEREAS, community schools focus on a strategy for organizing
10 resources, rather than creating new programs; and

11 WHEREAS, community school models exist in our state and prove valuable
12 to communities and student achievement and can serve as models for design;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, community schools include extended time for learning that
15 integrate community partnerships; and

16 WHEREAS, community schools which employ a community school
17 coordinator to align resources will most effectively address the needs of local
18 communities and strategically align resources.

19 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
20 ALBUQUERQUE:

21 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque urges the New Mexico State
22 Legislature to provide funding for all schools that wish to implement a
23 community schools framework model, and encourages a position for a
24 community school coordinator be created and urges The New Mexico State
25 Legislature to adopt the proposed amendments to the Act and use the Act
26 including the proposed amendments as a guide for community school
27 implementation.

28 Section 2. The City Clerk send a letter and an email to each member of our
29 state legislature delegation, the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the
30 Secretary of Public Education, the Legislative Education Study Committee, the
31 Legislative Finance Committee and the New Mexico School Boards
32 Association, urging their consideration of the funding and proposed
33 amendments as specified in Section 1, above, with a copy of this resolution.