

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
AUGUST 19, 2025 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>A resolution to authorize a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for the sustainable implementation of the Community School Model.</p> <p>Submitted by:</p> <p>Office of Executive Administration</p>	<p>Ordinance √ Resolution</p>	<p>Delphone Hubbard City Manager</p>
<p>SYNOPSIS</p>	<p>A resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for the 2025-2026 School Year for the sustainable implementation of the Community School Model.</p>	
<p>FISCAL IMPACT</p>	<p>For the 2025-2026 School Year, the City and the Little Rock School District shall each provide the sum of \$500,000.00, to be known as “Total Agreement Funding.” Such funding can come either in the form of budgeted funds, salary and benefits for employees dedicated to Community Schools programs, or the cost of programs that fulfill pillars of the Community School Model. Funding for this Memorandum of Understanding is available from Account No. S15C689.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p>	<p>Approval of the resolution</p>	
<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<p>Key practices of the Community School Model include powerful student and family engagement, collaborative leadership and shared power and voice, expanded and enriched learning opportunities, rigorous, community-connected classroom instruction, a culture of belonging, safety, and care, and integrated systems of support.</p> <p>When faithfully implemented, the Community School Model demonstrates empirical evidence of success, including reduced absenteeism rates, decreased in-school disciplinary infractions, and improved academic achievement. Seven</p>	

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Little Rock Community Schools have increased their average daily attendance. A vibrant partnership between a School District and community partners, including City Government, is essential for sustainable implementation and growth of the Community School Model. The City of Little Rock committed, as part of the debate over “reconstitution” of the Little Rock School District (LRSD) following five (5) years of State control, to invest in the Community Schools Model as a tangible sign of the community’s commitment to the improvement of LRSD.

The Little Rock City Board of Directors voted to provide initial funding for key programmatic elements of the Community School Model in partnership with LRSD. In addition, LRSD has similarly shown commitment towards the creation of a partnership through funding the salary and benefits for Community School Coordinators for eight (8) schools to pilot the Community School Model.

Upon approval of the resolution, the Memorandum of Understanding will be executed with LRSD.