

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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION
JUNE 21, 2022 AGENDA**

Subject:	Action Required:	Approved By:
<p>Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for a two (2)-year pilot program.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">√ Ordinance Resolution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>
SYNOPSIS	<p>An ordinance to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Little Rock School District for a two (2)-year pilot program in order to expand EAST Lab Programming to Mabelvale Elementary, Stephens Elementary and Washington Elementary Community Schools.</p>	
FISCAL IMPACT	<p>The pilot program will be in the amount of a one (1)-time fee of \$25,000.00, for each of the three (3) Community Schools, for a total amount not to exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00). Funding for this Memorandum of Understanding is available from the Community Schools Special Project, Account No. 108159-S15C147.</p>	
RECOMMENDATION	<p>Approval of the ordinance.</p>	
BACKGROUND	<p>The Little Rock School District (LRSD) currently has nine (9) EAST Lab Programming Community Schools: Dunbar Middle, JA Fair K – 8; Mabelvale Middle; Pinnacle View Middle; Pulaski Heights Middle; Roberts Elementary; Little Rock Southwest High; Carver Magnet; and Hall High. The City and LRSD desire to informally collaborate and cooperate as part of a two (2)-year pilot program to expand the EAST Lab Programming to three (3) additional Community Schools: Mabelvale Elementary; Stephens Elementary; and Washington Elementary.</p>	

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LRSD will hire an EAST Lab Facilitator for each of the three (3) Community Schools and will provide equipment and computers necessary for the EAST Labs at these campuses and will ensure that the campuses have adequate space necessary for the EAST Labs. Funding for this pilot program is contingent upon the aforementioned partnership, and therefore it is impractical and unfeasible to bid under the present circumstances. The Commission on Children, Youth and Families met on March 2, 2022, and voted to endorse recommendation for this expenditure.

Upon the passage of the ordinance, a Memorandum of Understanding for the two (2)-year pilot program will be finalized and executed with LRSD in order to establish appropriate guidelines and procedures to ensure the most successful experience and outcomes for the students and staff at Mabelvale Elementary, Stephens Elementary and Washington Elementary Community Schools.