

## Resolution on Minneapolis Public Schools

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### **Supporting Minneapolis Public Schools in increasing overall student achievement, and addressing the achievement gap among ethnic groups.**

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis has adopted strategic goals for improving the lives of young people, including ensuring **youth are valued, challenged & engaged, all kids are ready for kindergarten**, that we **close race and class gaps in educational attainment**, and that we form **stronger partnerships toward better results in education**; and

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Public Schools have adopted, as of December 3, 2007, a strategic plan aimed at increasing overall student achievement, addressing the achievement gap among ethnic groups, and ensuring every child is college ready; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis supports strong collaboration with its partner jurisdictions to achieve better outcomes for young people, including through its membership on the Youth Coordinating Board and recent actions to formalize information sharing with all independent boards including the school board; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis desires to increase its own accountability for improving opportunities for young people, including through its work in developing the **Blueprint for Action: Preventing Youth Violence in Minneapolis Report**, measuring its strategic goals relating to children and youth, and looking for other opportunities to improve results and outcomes not just add programs; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis supports the strategic plan goals of increasing overall student achievement and addressing the achievement gap among ethnic groups adopted by the Minneapolis School Board as a necessary step in improving our schools, recognizing that the health and success of the City of Minneapolis is related to the ability of the Minneapolis Public Schools to offer an excellent education to all students and help them increase their achievement; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis directs the City Coordinator to work with city departments and return within two cycles to the Ways and Means Committee with the following information:

- 1) A recommended definition of the scope of “Children and Family” programming
- 2) A preliminary estimate of the grand total of Children and Family related spending and investment
- 3) A timeline for producing a more detailed breakdown of Children and Family related programming by department.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Minneapolis creates a City-School Board Collaboration, composed of three Councilmembers appointed by the Council President,

three School Board members, and staff as designated by the City Coordinator and the Superintendent of Minneapolis Public School, which will report back to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee no later than March 18, 2008 with recommendations for City-Public School partnership.

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