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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: November 1, 2024

RE: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY DISTRICT'S (DPSCD) PROGRAM TO PAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING**

Council President Pro Tempore James E. Tate Jr. requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a resolution supporting the Detroit Public School Community District's (DPSCD) program to pay high school students to receive after school tutoring.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE JAMES E. TATE JR.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY DISTRICT'S (DPSCD) PROGRAM TO PAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

- WHEREAS,** The Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) has announced a new tutoring program focused on improving literacy that will pay students \$2,000 if they complete the program and attend all sessions; and
- WHEREAS,** The tutoring program is funded as part of the \$94.4 million settlement of a “right to read” lawsuit, which DPSCD is required to spend on investments in literary education; and
- WHEREAS,** As of spring 2024, 53.9% of eighth graders in DPSCD schools read at two or more grades below reading level,¹ and this new program is intended to provide a positive incentive to improve the literacy of high school students; and
- WHEREAS,** As of October 28, 2024, over 1,000 students have signed up for the first courses starting in November and January, which will take place Monday through Thursday for 11 weeks; and
- WHEREAS,** Every DPSCD high school will offer the tutoring, and students with lower literacy scores will be given priority if there is more demand than available spaces at a particular school; and
- WHEREAS,** The courses will be led with assistance from trained teachers and academic interventionists, with the hope that educators who are familiar with the students will produce more positive outcomes than outside volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** The district will monitor the success of the program and may expand it if the program demonstrates improvements in attendance, grades, and the results of tests and end-of-course exams;
- WHEREAS,** The Detroit City Council affirms its commitment under the Detroit City Charter “to the development and welfare of our youth, our most precious resource...” by supporting programs and efforts to improve the literacy of DPSCD students; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Council hereby proclaims its support for DPSCD’s tutoring program that offers financial incentives to encourage high school students to improve their literacy skills; **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**
- RESOLVED,** That the Detroit City Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to Mayor Mike Duggan and to DPSCD.

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