

A Resolution of the City Council of Missoula Supporting a Shared-Investment Partnership with Missoula County Public Schools to Improve Student Achievement and Community Health Outcomes

WHEREAS, City of Missoula Parks & Recreation Department (MPR) and Missoula County Public Schools (MCPS) share a commitment to serving the youth and families of Missoula through safe, inclusive, and enriching learning and recreational environments; and

WHEREAS, The Parks, Recreation, Opens Space, and Trails 2040 Master Plan (PROST plan) has an expressed goal of building and sustaining agency partnerships that enhance programming where missions align; and

WHEREAS, both the City and MCPS recognize the importance of coordinated public investment to maximize the use of taxpayer resources, community facilities, and professional expertise in ways that enhance student success and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, MPR and MCPS desire to replace traditional fee-for-service arrangements with a shared-investment framework focused on measurable outcomes in student achievement, public health, and fiscal stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Shared Investment Partnership are to:

1. **Increase Student Success** by aligning facility use, staffing, and programming to extend access to schools and parks before and after school, strengthen academic and social-emotional supports, and enhance access to high-quality out-of-school time programming for all students;
2. **Improve Public Health Outcomes** by providing coordinated wellness programming, shared training in youth development and trauma-informed practices, and expanded access to recreational and experiential learning opportunities for students, families, and community members; and
3. **Strengthen Fiscal Stewardship** by collaboratively managing facilities, staff resources, and operations to reduce duplication, increase efficiency, and reinvest shared savings into programs that directly benefit students and families; and

WHEREAS, MPR and MCPS will implement actions in furtherance of these goals in an effort to produce the following **system-level outcomes by 2030**:

- **Student Success:** 10 percent reduction in chronic absenteeism, 15 percent reduction in behavior incidents, and increased participation in out-of-school programs.
- **Public Health:** 20 percent more students meeting physical activity goals, 25 percent more families participating in wellness events, measurable increases in service access for households without school-age children, 15 percent reduction in juvenile referrals, and 30 percent more youth employment or mentorship hours.
- **Fiscal Stewardship:** 10–15 percent reduction in duplicated costs as documented in an annual shared-savings report; and

WHEREAS, MCPS and MPR will work together to develop a system for coordination for the pursuit of the shared goals, including but not limited to forming committees and developing procedures; and

WHEREAS, both agencies will ensure that reports are provided annually to the MCPS Board of Trustees and Missoula City Council regarding cost savings, student and community outcomes, and future collaboration priorities; and

WHEREAS, MCPS is advocating for the Missoula County Public School Board of Trustees to pass its own resolution, substantially identical to this one, to authorize and endorse the shared-investment partnership between MCPS and MPR as envisioned here; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Missoula City Council endorses the Shared-Investment Partnership with Missoula County Public Schools and authorizes City of Missoula Parks and Recreation Department to continue collaborative planning, development of an interlocal or other agreement for Council consideration, and implementation consistent with the goals and strategies outlined herein..

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 202_.

APPROVED:

Andrea Davis
Mayor

ATTEST:

Claire Trimble
Legislative Services Director

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