ORDINANCE No. 183248

* Authorize a grant to local school districts to support summer programs providing academic and high school transition services to students who are at high risk of dropping out of school (Ordinance)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds that:

- 1. Based on the findings in the Connected by 25 research report, only 57% of 9th graders entering PPS graduate within four years. Furthermore, the transition from 8th to 9th grade is a pivotal time for students who struggle academically.
- 2. School districts have not traditionally provided summer programs for incoming 9th graders.
- 3. The Mayor and Multnomah County Chair Ted Wheeler have convened an Education Cabinet focused on increasing the graduation rate by 50% within four years. The Education Cabinet has sponsored three initiatives including *Ninth Grade Counts (NGC)* and *Portland Multnomah Youth Corps (PMYC)*.
- 4. NGC and PMYC developed a number of resources to strengthen the capacity of summer programs focused on academic skills and high school readiness.
- 5. The Council previously approved funding for youth employment and career preparation. as part of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in the FY 2007-08 Fall Budget Adjustment Process. Ordinance No. 181456.
- 5. Pursuant to that funding, the PMYC Career + College Exploration program for incoming 9th graders provided academic support plus career and college experiences through a series of career and college site visits across the metro area.
- 6. Further, the City committed to provide financial and other support to expand the capacity of school district programs, increase the accessibility of programs geographically across the city, and increase the participation of students most at risk of dropping out of high school.
- 7. To fulfill the City's previous commitment, the City intends to enter into a grant agreement with local school districts that provided the PMYC program this past summer.
- 8. As a result of the partnership between NGC, PMYC, non-profit organizations, schools, and other partners, this past summer nearly 1000 students were connected with the support they need to start high school ready to succeed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. The Office of Mayor is hereby authorized to execute grant agreements for \$2,250 in onetime funds with Gresham-Barlow School District and Parkrose School District -substantially in conformance with the agreement attached as Exhibit A to the original of this ordinance.
- b. The Mayor and Auditor are hereby authorized to draw and deliver warrants chargeable to the General Fund when demand is presented and approved by the proper authority.

Section 2. The Council declares that an emergency exists because any delay in providing grant funding to the School Districts to expeditiously proceed with increasing its service capacities would harm the public interest; therefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by Council.

Passed by the Council: OCT **21** 2009

Office of Mayor Sam Adams Prepared by: Reese Lord Date Prepared: 10/09/09 LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland By

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INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams	CLERK USE: DATE FILED 0CT 1 6 2009	
COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams	LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland	
Position 1/Utilities - Fritz Position 2/Works - Fish Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman	By:	
Position 4/Safety - Leonard BUREAU APPROVAL	ACTION TAKEN:	
Bureau: Office of Mayor Bureau Head:		
Prepared by: Reese Lord Date Prepared: 10.09.09		
Financial Impact Statement Completed Amends Budget Not Required		
Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes No		
Council Meeting Date October 21, 2009		
City Attorney Approval		

		FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
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(for presentation, testimony and discussion)		2. Fish	2. Fish	1	
CONSENT		3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman		
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