

**Honorable Members of the Board of Education
Dayton City School District**

ITEM I

I recommend approval of the resolution to enter into an agreement with East End Community Services Corporation, an Ohio non-profit corporation (“East End Community Services”) regarding the establishment of Ruskin PreK-8 School as a Dayton Public School site based management, innovative education pilot program.

Rationale

Whereas, the Superintendent and his designees were granted authority by the Dayton Board of Education to proceed with establishing a neighborhood school at the site of the former Ruskin School; and

Whereas DBE welcomes community partners for neighborhood schools, and East End Community Services has been designated as the community partner for the successful implementation of the new Ruskin PreK-8 School, and kindergarten through eighth grade school, and

Whereas it does not serve the neighborhood well to have two competing neighborhood schools, and

Whereas the Board of Trustees of East End Community Services desire to collaborate with the Dayton Board of Education to operate a single, quality, pre-k thru 8th grade neighborhood school; and

Whereas it is the intention of all parties to create an educational pilot that is consistent with state law, innovative in addressing the unique educational and cultural needs of East Dayton neighborhood children, and effective in producing desired academic outcomes for the students who attend the school; and

Whereas, the Boards of Trustees East End Community School and the Board of Trustees of East End Community Services have helped to define the tenets of a quality neighborhood school, and have helped to develop a governing structure for the new Ruskin neighborhood school as an education pilot program using site-based management powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Dayton Board of Education is authorized enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees of East End Community Services that will serve as the basis for an education pilot program using site-based management powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities for the operation of a school to be known as the Ruskin PreK-8 School.

Respectfully submitted,

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