

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 290

EFFECTIVE May 18, 2015

WHEREAS, Afterschool opportunities are important for young people's overall well-being, as well as to school achievement and attendance; and

WHEREAS, Diversity in the range of opportunities and activities available during afterschool hours is necessary in order to meet the needs and interests of young people, and expose students to new areas of learning; and

WHEREAS, These offerings should include creative arts, sports, cultural, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Arts and music classes and programs in Providence public schools have limited resources due to budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, In Providence, AS220 Youth provides arts educational programming for young people age 14 and older; and

WHEREAS, AS220 Youth was one of only five afterschool programs in the country recognized in 2014 by the Afterschool Alliance for using innovative approaches to help middle school students succeed in the programs, school and life; and

WHEREAS, Trinity Repertory Company in Providence offers a wide spectrum of programming to engage young people in dramatic arts, including acting, musical theater, and playwriting; and

WHEREAS, Both arts organizations contribute valuable programs to give youth the opportunity to have hands-on experience in visual, literary, musical, and theater arts; and

WHEREAS, AS220 was founded thirty years ago, in 1985, and Trinity Repertory Company was founded fifty-two years ago, in 1963, and both organizations have been cornerstones in the arts community in the capital city, helping contribute to the cultural life in Providence in countless ways, and fostering a love for the arts in people of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby encourage and request that the Providence School Board and the Providence School Department, partner with AS220 and Trinity Rep, to incorporate their youth programs into the afterschool offerings available to Providence students, thereby making those programs more accessible and available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon approval, a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Superintendent of Providence Schools, and the Providence School Board.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 07 2015

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk