

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 68

Approved February 24, 2016

WHEREAS, The YouthBuild Preparatory Academy is a proposed school, the goal of which is to prepare young people, ages 14 to 21, for post-secondary education, career, and leadership in a global society; and

WHEREAS, The YouthBuild Preparatory Academy will serve young people who reside in Providence and Central Falls-cities which have high poverty and unemployment rates; and

WHEREAS, The YouthBuild Preparatory Academy model is designed to support students at risk of school failure, with a special focus on the diverse needs of urban boys and young men, to create an environment for individual growth, and to cultivate social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, The YouthBuild Preparatory Academy will offer a rigorous and relevant standards-driven experiential learning community, and provide college and career preparatory education based on guided, project-based core curriculum with an emphasis on education, human services, and community development; and

WHEREAS, YouthBuild Preparatory Academy also will provide an alternative learning environment for disconnected and at-risk students desiring to complete their academic careers in a setting that offers comprehensive support services, accelerated academic curriculum, leadership development, and life skills that will enable them to become resilient, self-sufficient adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby fully endorse the YouthBuild Preparatory Academy, and urges the Rhode Island Board of Education, and the Rhode Island Department of Education to take the necessary actions to approve the establishment of the YouthBuild Preparatory Academy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval, a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education, and to the Chair of the Board of Education.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 18 2016

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

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Mayor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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