

Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Whereas community schools are public schools that operate independently from school districts; and

Whereas community schools primarily serve students with special needs, and economically disadvantaged students; and

Whereas community schools generally have fewer financial resources than traditional school districts; and

Whereas approximately half of schools identified for intensive support are community schools; and

Whereas the Schools Forward school improvement project, funded by federal ESSER funds, contracted with the community school sponsors to provide specific supports and interventions to improve literacy skills for students enrolled in struggling community schools; and

Whereas early results indicate improvement in student progress; and

Whereas the funding for the Schools Forward expires June 30, 2025, and the needs of these students and schools continue;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dropout Prevention Advisory Council respectfully requests that the Ohio General Assembly appropriate funding of \$1 million per year within Amended Substitute House Bill 96 to continue the Schools Forward school improvement program.

Resolution Adopted April 29, 2025



John Hagan, Chair

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