



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6623
February 4, 2025
Consent Agenda**

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6623: Renewal of Interlocal Agreement with Mercer Island School District for Enrollment of City Employee’s Children/Dependents	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Authorize the City Manager to execute the renewal of interlocal agreement with MISD for enrollment of City employee’s children/dependents.	

DEPARTMENT:	Administrative Services
STAFF:	Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Renewal of Interlocal Agreement Regarding Nonresident Enrollment of City Employee’s Children or Dependents 2. City Policy: Enrollment of City Employee’s Children or Dependents into Mercer Island Schools
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the City of Mercer Island (City) and Mercer Island School District No. 400 ("District") for enrollment of children and dependents of City employees who do not reside on Mercer Island (see Exhibit 1).

- At the July 18, 2023, the City Council authorized the City Manager to sign an interlocal agreement between the City and the District to allow children and dependents of City employees who do not live on Mercer Island to enroll in the District ([AB 6310](#)).
- A City policy was issued describing the terms under which this opportunity will be made available to eligible City employees (see Exhibit 2).
- Under the ILA, eligible City employees who do not reside on Mercer Island would have the opportunity to enroll their children and dependents in District public schools.
- To be eligible for enrollment, a child must be the dependent child of a full-time or part-time City employee.
- The duration of the renewal to this ILA is until August 31, 2027 which is equivalent to two (2) school years.

BACKGROUND

The District approached the City in early 2023 to inquire whether the City would be agreeable to the District extending public school enrollment to children and dependents of nonresident City employees. An informal survey to gauge the level of interest from City employees showed there was immediate interest, and the District and the City began working on an ILA to make this opportunity possible to interested City employees.

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Staff drafted a City policy was issued describing the terms under which this opportunity will be made available to eligible City employees (see Exhibit 2). Because the District controls the details of this opportunity, as well as the renewal and changes thereto after the initial term, the City policy includes restrictions to ensure precedents are not set and the City does not have to bargain impacts to changes implemented by the District, including the termination of the ILA.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

The initial term of the ILA is until August 31, 2025, which is equivalent to two (2) full school years. At the sole discretion of the District, the ILA may be renewed for successive two (2) year terms for up to four (4) times. Notice will be provided to the City by February 1 of the last then effective year of the ILA indicating the District's intentions whether or not to renew the ILA.

The School Board approved the ILA on January 16, 2025 and the District provided notice to the City on January 17, 2025 of its intent to renew the interlocal agreement. The renewal to the ILA will continue enrollment at District public schools to children and dependents of eligible City employees who do not reside on Mercer Island for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. There are no other changes to the ILA with the renewal.

NEXT STEPS

If the City Council authorizes the renewal to the ILA, City employees will be informed of the renewal and deadline to apply for enrollment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the renewal to the interlocal agreement with the Mercer Island School District No. 400 for enrollment of City employee's children/dependents substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1.