



Legislation Text

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Parent Academy (B)

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A Parent Academy is one of the five strategies. Parents are a child’s first and best teacher. However, not all parents are equipped with the skills to help their children academically, socially and otherwise. A Parent Academy has been established to provide parents with those skills, with its hub at the Family Services Center in east Gainesville. This initiative will also include mobile units to deliver parent training and other services on-site at apartment complexes, churches and other locations within neighborhoods, particularly those with a high percentage of struggling students. Community partners, including healthcare providers and social service agencies, will be critical to the success of the Parent Academy.

No specific City financial impact has been identified. .

The City Commission and School Board discuss the Parent Academy and other elements of the Five in Five Plan.