



Kenneth W. Jenkins  
County Executive

To: The Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators

From: Kenneth W. Jenkins, Westchester County Executive

Date: April 15, 2026

RE: An Act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Yonkers, for a Sixth Grade Leadership Academy program.

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Transmitted herewith for your review and approval is an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau (“Youth Bureau”), to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers (“Municipality”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, pursuant to which the Municipality will provide a Sixth Grade Leadership Academy (“Program”) which shall include, but not be limited to, transitioning sixth grade students into middle school through weekly lessons, guest instructors, and an end-of-the-year conference. The IMA would be for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$132,000) Dollars, comprised of an amount not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand (\$66,000) Dollars payable by the County plus a 100% match from the Municipality, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

The Sixth Grade Leadership Academy after-school program will be open to current Yonkers Youth who are in sixth grade preparing to transition into a new school to complete seventh and eighth grades. The program aims to teach youth how to develop their authentic self and leadership skills to ready them to enter a new middle school.

The curriculum will include weekly lessons focusing on self-development, leadership skills, etiquette, social skills, anti-bullying, academics, and mental health. Lessons will be taught by trained on-site staff and special guest instructors in various interactive and engaging methods.

The procurement of this IMA is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xviii of said Policy.

Based on the importance of this program, your favorable action on the proposed Act is respectfully requested.

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending the adoption of an Act which, if approved by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau (“Youth Bureau”), to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers (the “Municipality”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, pursuant to which the Municipality will provide its Sixth Grade Leadership Academy (“Program”) which shall include, but not be limited to, transitioning sixth grade students into middle school through weekly lessons, guest instructors, and an end-of-the-year conference. The IMA will be for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and expiring on June 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$132,000) Dollars, comprised of an amount not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand (\$66,000) Dollars payable by the County plus a 100% match from the Municipality, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

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Your Committee is advised that the proposed IMA will benefit the Municipality and its Youth Bureau, by helping sixth grade students transition into middle school.

The procurement of this IMA is exempt from the requirements of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xviii of said Policy.

The Department of Planning has advised that the proposed IMA does not meet the definition of an action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 9, 2026, which is on file with the Clerk of your Honorable Board. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation.

Your Committee has carefully considered this matter and recommends approval of the Act, noting that it requires not more than an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of your Honorable Board.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2026  
White Plains, New York

**COMMITTEE ON**

**ACT NO. \_\_\_\_-2026**

**AN ACT** authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Yonkers, for a Sixth Grade Leadership Academy program for the period commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026, for a total amount of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$132,000) Dollars, comprised of an amount not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand (\$66,000) Dollars payable by the County plus a 100% match from the Municipality.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The County of Westchester (“County”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, is hereby authorized to enter into an inter-municipal agreement (“IMA”) with the City of Yonkers (“Municipality”), acting by and through its Youth Bureau, pursuant to which the Municipality will provide a Sixth Grade Leadership Academy (“Program”) which shall include, but not be limited to, transitioning sixth grade students into middle school through weekly lessons, guest instructors, and an end-of-the-year conference for a term commencing retroactively on January 1, 2026 and expiring on December 31, 2026, in the total aggregate amount of One Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand (\$132,000) Dollars, comprised of an amount not to exceed Sixty-Six Thousand (\$66,000) Dollars payable by the County plus a 100% match from the Municipality, payable pursuant to an approved budget.

**§ 2.** The County Executive or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents appropriate and necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

**§ 3.** This Act shall take effect immediately.