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City of Lima Promotes Public Safety and Afterschool Student Enrichment

During the City Council meeting on Monday, May 8th, 2023, council members will discuss several items centered on improving public safety and promoting afterschool student enrichment.

Recognizing the importance of education beyond the standard school year, the City of Lima is looking to become an approved service provider through the Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment (ACE) program. This program provides funds to students' parents or guardians to use on various enrichment and educational activities, including programs such as the City of Lima's Summer Playground Program.

"Summer and afterschool activities are an important asset to continue the enhancement of our youth education efforts. These programs provide a safe space where children can engage in hands-on learning and keep their minds and bodies active," states Mayor Sharetta Smith. "Though we recognize the importance of these summer and afterschool programs, we also realize that they can sometimes place a financial burden on families. By becoming an approved service provider through the Ohio ACE Program, we are hoping to remove some of those financial barriers and open greater access to these valuable programs."

Public Safety is also a key theme for the City Council meeting as the City of Lima looks to purchase additional kits to test for sources of lead and copper water contamination, upgrade the voice recording system for the Lima Police Department, and purchase an ambulance for the Lima Fire Department.

For more information on the Ohio Afterschool Child Enrichment program, visit: www.aceohio.org