



Seattle Department of Education & Early Learning

Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor
Dwane Chappelle, Director

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Dear City Council,

The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Partnership Agreements, the Executive will seek the recommendation of the Levy Oversight Committee (LOC), per City Council Ordinance 125604. Investing in equitable access to high-quality education helps students and their families optimize their potential. We must come together to make sure our kids have a strong start, have the chance to get the good jobs of the future and have real economic opportunity. We know that opportunity gaps persist and disproportionately impact students from historically underserved communities. We must act now to address this inequity.

On Thursday, March 28, the LOC voted to recommend the Partnership Agreements with 100 percent support. DEEL made minor modifications after the discussion with the LOC, which are reflected in the version submitted to Council. In addition, individual committee members identified some issues for further consideration by Council as it goes through its process:

- Affirm focus on students.
- Affirm optimism for partnership and the Seattle Public Schools strategic plan.
- Affirm vigilance and commitment to monitoring and oversight.
- Affirm collaboration.
- Affirm pride in the process.
- Affirm a shared vision amongst partners.
- Seattle Colleges should be tracking data on educator diversity and student perception and satisfaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Oversight Committee. We look forward to engaging Council through the legislative process.

Respectfully submitted,

The Families, Education, Preschool and Promise
Levy Oversight Committee

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