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FAMILIES, EDUCATION, PRESCHOOL, AND PROMISE LEVY IMPLEMENTATION & EVALUATION PLAN AMENDMENTS

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Amendment 1: Prioritized Students

Expands the Levy's outcome to incorporate additional prioritized groups of students, consistent with the Levy ordinance passed in 2018.

“African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Pacific Islander, underserved Asian populations, ~~and~~ other students of color, refugee and immigrant, homeless, English language learners, and LGBTQ students achieve academically across the preschool to post-secondary continuum.”

Makes the same modification in other areas of the I&E Plan where appropriate:

- Intended recipients of K-12 investments
- Prioritization process for Seattle Promise tuition funds

Amendment 2: K-12 Investment Area Goal

Expands the K-12 School and Community-Based investment area goal to incorporate additional Levy strategies and activities.

“Seattle students have access to and utilize increased academic preparation, expanded learning opportunities, social-emotional skill building, and college and job readiness experiences that promote high school graduation.”

Amendment 3: Policy Changes & Reporting Requirements

Identifies modifications to the I&E Plan that will require Council approval via ordinance, those that require written notification, and topics or programs for inclusion in regular reporting.

Changes requiring approval by the City Council

- Modifications to funding levels
- Modifications to tuition requirements for SPP
- Modifications to Seattle Promise eligibility

Changes requiring a 60-day notification to Council

- Proposed agreement regarding family support services
- Proposed modifications to SPP child selection prioritization
- Proposed changes to the eligibility requirements for SPP child care subsidies

Additional topics to include in annual reporting

- Detailed information on Seattle Promise program participants
- Demographic information on participants in SPP and K-12 investments
- Progress made towards simplifying the application process
- Coordination with the State to leverage ECEAP investments
- Details on agreements with Seattle School District and Seattle Colleges
- Any administrative decisions or modifications operationalized by DEEL

Amendment 4: SPP Tuition Scale

Revises Appendix IV: Seattle Preschool Program Tuition Sliding Fee Scale:

- Bases family tuition amounts on a percentage contribution to the cost of the preschool slot
- Sets the minimum tuition subsidy at 5%
- Increases steps in the scale from 25 to 30

Step	Percent of Federal Poverty	Percent Family Contribution to Slot Cost	2019-20 SY Estimates	
			Annual Tuition	Monthly Tuition
1	351%	8%	\$880	\$88
2	364%	11%	\$1,210	\$121
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29	715%	92%	\$10,120	\$1,012
30	728%	95%	\$10,450	\$1,045

Amendment 5: Promise Part-Time Attendance

Adds a sentence describing the existing option for students to request an exception to Seattle Promise's full-time enrollment requirement.

“Students must enroll full-time (i.e., minimum of 12 credits per quarter) in Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters. Students will be supported during Summer quarter if they choose to attend, however this is optional for Seattle Promise students. Students may request an exception to the full-time enrollment requirement on a quarter-by-quarter basis under limited circumstances, such as demonstrating a substantial hardship or being unable to enroll full-time due to course offerings.”

Amendment 6: Racial Equity Toolkit

Specifies certain topics to be included in the Racial Equity Toolkit (RET) analysis that DEEL will perform on the Seattle Promise program.

Requires the analysis to include an evaluation of:

- Program expansion to serve students wishing to enroll on an exclusively part-time basis
- Impact of Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements

Also requires DEEL to seek the recommendation of the Levy Oversight Committee regarding any proposed policy changes resulting from the RET analysis before presenting those proposed policy changes to the Council.

Amendment 7: Promise Advisor Referrals

Provides additional specificity regarding the types of referral and connection services that should be provided to students by Seattle Colleges advisors to support students' lives outside of college.

“While enrolled at Seattle Colleges, Seattle Promise students will have access to non-FEPP-funded supports to promote preparation for life beyond college, including referrals to assistance programs for which they may be eligible, such as: child care assistance, affordable housing resources, food services, refugee and immigrant resources, legal assistance, transportation programs, and utility discount programs offered by the City, State, or other agencies. DEEL will work with Seattle Colleges to develop and maintain a comprehensive list of assistance programs for College Support Staff to make available to students. Students will be supported with career and financial literacy guidance. Students who are transferring to a 4-year institution will be assisted with transition needs.”

Amendment 8: Evaluation of Proposals

Adds a labor harmony component to the list of methods that DEEL would use to evaluate RFP and RFI responses.

“When evaluating RFI and RFP responses, DEEL will use a variety of methods to determine which proposals are best positioned to meet intended outcomes including but not limited to past success at achieving results, means and methods proposed, commitment of leadership to improving outcomes, adherence to labor laws and a commitment to labor harmony, and the costs of programs or proposals.”

Amendment 9: Technical Changes

Makes 4 types of technical changes to the I&E Plan:

- Inserts “fees” into the list of eligible uses for the Seattle Promise Equity Scholarship
- Corrects page number references in the table of contents and Appendix II – Resolution 31821 Policy Guide
- Corrects the procurement terminology for Public Health – Seattle & King County from RFIs to RFAs (Requests for Applications)
- Corrects other typographical errors

Questions?