

April 18, 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans, and Education Committee
From: Brian Goodnight and Aly Pennucci, Council Central Staff
Subject: Council Bill 119480: Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan Proposed Amendments

At its April 18 meeting, the Gender Equity, Safe Communities, New Americans, and Education (GESCNA-Ed) Committee will discuss and potentially vote on [Council Bill 119480](#), approving the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan (I&E Plan). The GESCNA-Ed Committee previously discussed potential issues and amendments related to the I&E Plan at its March 27 meeting.

This memorandum summarizes nine proposed amendments from Committee Chair González, all of which have been consolidated into a proposed substitute I&E Plan which is provided with mark-ups as Attachment 1.

Proposed Amendments

1. Prioritized Students

This amendment would expand the FEPP Levy's outcome in the I&E Plan to incorporate additional groups of prioritized students, and it would make the list of prioritized groups consistent with the FEPP Levy ordinance ([Ordinance 125604](#)) passed in 2018. The levy outcome with proposed amendments shown in tracked changes would be: "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."

In addition to modifying the levy outcome, this amendment would also make the same modification in other areas of the I&E Plan where the list of prioritized groups of students occurs. The list occurs in sections related to the intended recipients of Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) investments and the prioritization process for Seattle Promise tuition funds.

Attachment 1 pages affected: 10¹, 11, 56, 58–61, 63, 66–68, 102, 104, 136

2. K-12 Investment Area Goal

This amendment would expand the I&E Plan's K-12 School and Community-Based investment area goal to incorporate levy strategies and activities that are beyond the scope

¹ The amendment to the graphic on page 10 is not shown in mark-up, but reflects the same amendment as described.

of college and job readiness experiences. The K-12 investment area goal with proposed amendments in tracked changes would be: “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.”

Attachment 1 pages affected: 11, 56, 85–86

3. Policy Changes and Reporting Requirements

This amendment would add a new section to the I&E Plan that identifies modifications to the I&E Plan that will (a) require Council approval via ordinance, (b) require written notification by DEEL to the Council, and (c) identify topics or programs for inclusion in regular reporting by DEEL.

Attachment 1 pages affected: 7–8, 35, 48, 78, 84, 105–106, 110, 123

4. Seattle Preschool Program Tuition Scale

This amendment would revise “Appendix IV – Seattle Preschool Program Tuition Sliding Fee Scale.” The revised SPP tuition sliding fee scale would make a number of changes:

- Base family tuition amounts on a percentage contribution to the cost of the preschool slot. The percentage contribution would increase along with increases in family income.
- Set the minimum tuition subsidy at 5 percent. This is consistent with SPP’s current tuition scale and would maintain the program’s policy of providing at least some level of subsidy for all participating families.
- Increase the number of steps in the scale from 25 to 30 to reduce the family tuition growth between steps.

Attachment 1 pages affected: 35, 122–123

5. Seattle Promise Part-Time Attendance

This amendment would add a sentence to the description of the Seattle Promise tuition strategy describing the existing option for students to request an exception to the full-time enrollment requirement on a quarter-by-quarter basis. The option is available to students under limited circumstances, such as demonstrating a substantial hardship or being unable to enroll full-time due to course offerings.

A separate amendment dealing with exclusive part-time attendance in the Seattle Promise program is addressed in Amendment 6.

Attachment 1 page affected: 103

6. Racial Equity Toolkit

This amendment would insert a new paragraph into the Seattle Promise investment area section specifying certain topics to be included in the Racial Equity Toolkit analysis that will be performed by DEEL. The amendment would require the analysis to include an evaluation of (a) program expansion to students wishing to enroll on an exclusively part-time basis, and (b) the impact of Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements.

Attachment 1 pages affected: 102, 105–106, 110

7. Seattle Promise Advisor Referrals

This amendment would provide additional specificity regarding the types of referral and connection services that should be provided to students by Seattle College advisors to support students' lives outside of college.

Attachment 1 pages affected: 108–109

8. Evaluation of Proposals

This amendment would add a labor harmony component to the list of methods that DEEL would use to evaluate Requests for Proposals and Requests for Investments (RFI) proposals. The I&E Plan currently states that DEEL will consider the past successes at achieving results, the means and methods proposed, the commitment of leadership to improving outcomes, and the cost of programs or proposals. This amendment would add “adherence to labor laws and a commitment to labor harmony” to the list. DEEL will need to determine the specific protocols that are applicable to contracting practices for the education sector.

Attachment 1 page affected: 27

9. Technical Changes

This amendment would make four types of changes within the I&E Plan:

- Inserts “fees” into the list of eligible uses for the Seattle Promise Equity Scholarship;

Attachment 1 pages affected: 100, 102, 105–106

- Corrects page number references in the table of contents and “Appendix II – Resolution 31821 Policy Guide”;

Attachment 1 page affected: 1–2, 116

- Corrects the procurement terminology for Public Health – Seattle & King County from RFIs to Requests for Applications (RFA); and
Attachment 1 pages affected: 24–26, 91–92
- Corrects other typographical errors.
Attachment 1 pages affected: 24, 100

Attachments:

1. Proposed Substitute I&E Plan, version 3

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