

PROPOSED AMENDMENT 6
Council Bill 118679: Seattle Preschool Program Policy Changes

Amendment Name: Achievement Gap Recitals

Brief Description: This amendment would amend Council Bill 118679 by inserting three new recitals relating to the achievement gap that is present in Seattle’s educational system, and stating that the narrowing of this gap should remain an essential outcome of the Seattle Preschool Program.

Proposed Amendments

1. Beginning on Page 1, Line 18, insert the following:

“WHEREAS, a major focus of the Action Plan is to narrow the opportunity and achievement gap that is present in Seattle’s educational system, and the Action Plan recognizes that on average, children from low-income families and children of color have fewer opportunities to become appropriately prepared for the social and academic challenges of the K-12 system than their peers; and

WHEREAS, in Seattle Public Schools, students of color meet third grade reading standards at a rate 31 percent lower than white students; they are suspended or expelled at three times the rate of their white peers in grades six through 12; and they graduate on-time at a rate 24 percent lower than white students; and

WHEREAS, as the City continues to refine the Seattle Preschool Program to meet the needs of the community and its children, narrowing the achievement gap should remain an essential outcome of the program; and”