

CB 120981 – DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy ORD
Proposed Amendments Packet

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Amendment 1 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Clarifying Equitable Priorities and Principles for Levy Funding

Effect: This amendment would clarify that the priorities and implementation principles intended to be advanced by the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise (FEPP) Levy would promote equitable access to services for historically underserved communities, and ensure that safety investments in the levy prioritize addressing root causes of violence, nonpunitive approaches, and do not contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline.

The list of implementation principles is intended to provide high-level guidance to the FEPP Levy investments. It does not bind the Council to funding any specific services.

This amendment would not impact the proposed property tax rate in Council Bill 120981, nor would it change the expected revenues from the proposition submitted to voters.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 2 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 2. Statement of policy. It is the paramount duty of the State “to make ample provision for the education of all students.” Education institutions, including the Seattle School District, are directly responsible for providing a quality education for all students. To further support student academic achievement, government, business, community members, and families must also work together to advance the success of Seattle students.

A. Priorities for levy funding

1. Invest in Seattle’s children, youth, and families to increase affordability of and equitable access to: childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12

students, including expanded learning opportunities; comprehensive support services; and college and career pathways.

2. Establish agreements with childcare and early learning providers, the Seattle School District, Public Health–Seattle & King County, Seattle Colleges, community-based organizations, and other institutional partners to implement services and ensure investment oversight and evaluation toward goals and outcomes.

3. Implement evidence-based strategies and best practices to improve the quality of service and/or maintain high-quality services.

4. Provide training and coaching opportunities to continuously improve service delivery and program instruction, quality, and operations.

B. Implementation principles

1. Prioritize investments to reach children, youth, and families, ~~and~~ increase access to services for historically underserved communities, and achieve levy outcomes that advance educational equity.

2. Partner with community, cultural, and language-based organizations to provide academic and/or comprehensive support services.

3. Ensure that safety investments prioritize addressing the root causes of violence and nonpunitive approaches, and do not contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline.

34. Ensure levy proceeds are supplemental and complementary to existing non-City public funding structures and services; funding is never to be used to supplant state-mandated services.

45. Implement competitive processes to identify qualified organizations to partner with the City to deliver services to children, youth, and families.

~~56~~. Implement accountability structures based on student outcomes, performance-based agreements, performance-based awards, and practice continuous quality improvement.

~~67~~. Report annually on investments, access to services, and progress toward achieving levy outcomes and meeting contractual obligations, such as sharing of performance metrics and data.

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Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Additions to Possible Early Childhood Education Support Services - Preschool

Effect: This amendment would add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “Early childhood” category:

- A feasibility study to explore universal citywide preschool; and
- Subsidized preschool costs for families where Seattle Preschool Program slots are unavailable.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services.

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Amend Section 6 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 6. Education-support services. Services funded by proceeds are intended to increase access and delivery of childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and career pathways; and comprehensive support services. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

A. Early childhood. Major program elements are intended to increase access to affordable childcare and preschool for Seattle children and their families, with services that may include, but are not limited to: financial support for families, childcare and preschool operating costs, facilities grants, and financial supports for early childhood workers such as, training, coaching, education, and employment incentives, and early childhood health and development services such as home-visiting programs. Services may also include home nurse programs that offer prenatal support. Services may further include a feasibility study to explore universal citywide preschool and subsidized preschool costs for families where Seattle Preschool Program slots are unavailable.

**Amendment 3 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD**

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Additions to Potential K-12 Health and Safety Education Support Services - Afterschool
Programming for At-Risk Youth

Effect: This amendment would add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “K-12 health and safety” category:

- Afterschool programming for at-risk youth.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services.

This amendment would not impact the proposed property tax rate in Council Bill 120981, nor would it change the expected revenues from the proposition submitted to voters.

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C. K-12 health and safety. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student physical and mental wellness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, oral health care, health education, care coordination, facilities grants, connection and referral to community supports, afterschool programming for at-risk youth, violence prevention, and outreach.

**Amendment 4 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD**

Sponsor: Councilmember Moore

Additions to Potential K-12 Student Supports Education Support Services - Food Assistance

Effect: Effect: This amendment would add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “K-12 student supports” category:

- Food assistance.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services.

This amendment would not impact the proposed property tax rate in Council Bill 120981, nor would it change the expected revenues from the proposition submitted to voters.

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B. K-12 student supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student college and career readiness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: expanded learning opportunities including year-round, out-of-school time activities; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; food assistance; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions supports; job exploration activities; and advising and guidance related to college and career.

Amendment 5 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Allow for Additional Investments in Fresh Bucks for Families

Effect: This amendment would add \$2,000,000 annually, or \$12 million total, to the expected revenues generated by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy proposition submitted to voters upon passage of Council Bill 120981. This additional revenue would allow for further investments to support the Fresh Bucks program for families.

Fresh Bucks is a voucher program for healthy food, distributing \$40 a month to individuals with a household income of less than or equal to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to purchase fruits and vegetables at participating farmers markets and grocery stores. The 2025 Adopted Budget includes \$6.9 million for the program, which has an enrollment of 12,000 households, and currently has a waitlist of 4,122 households. The Human Services Department reports that 18,000 youth in Seattle qualify for free or reduced lunch at Seattle Public Schools.

The estimated additional tax rate needed to allow for this additional investment would be \$.006, or six-tenths of a cent, per \$1,000 of assessed value, with an estimated average additional tax burden of \$6.26 per year to a median-value property.

To allow for the additional expected revenue to be reflected in the Council Bill and the proposed ballot measure, this amendment adds one cent to the maximum allowable tax rate proposed, from \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, to \$0.72. The final version of the bill for Full Council consideration will reconcile all proposed changes to the tax rate based on the estimated additional revenue needed to incorporate all amendments.

This amendment would also add “afterschool and summer food assistance” to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “K-12 student supports” category.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services. However, if this amendment passes and additional revenue is raised, Council’s intent would be to use the amended additional revenue, averaging \$2,000,000 per year, towards supporting the expansion of the Fresh Bucks program for families.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 4 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 4. Levy of regular property taxes – Submittal. The City submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy limitation on regular property taxes contained in RCW 84.55.010, for property taxes levied in 2025 through 2030 for collection in 2026 through 2031, respectively. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than a total tax rate of \$3.0~~4~~2 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, representing an additional tax rate of \$0.7~~4~~2 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The proposition is expected to raise approximately \$~~1.254~~21.266 billion in aggregate over six years for education-support services funding used to provide education-support services for Seattle children, youth, and families. The levy amount in the first year shall be used to determine subsequent years' allowable regular levy limit in accordance with chapter 84.55 RCW. Amounts collected in excess of the education-support services funding amount are available for other City purposes for which the City's regular levy may be applied. In accordance with RCW 84.36.381 and RCW 84.55.050, the City will exempt seniors, veterans with disabilities, or other persons with disabilities who qualify under RCW 84.36.381 from the increased levy amount resulting from the proposition's passage. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2031 for collection in 2032 and in later years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this ordinance.

Amend Section 6 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 6. Education-support services. Services funded by proceeds are intended to increase access and delivery of childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports

for K-12 students; college and career pathways; and comprehensive support services. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

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B. K-12 student supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student college and career readiness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: expanded learning opportunities including year-round, out-of-school time activities; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; afterschool and summer food assistance; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions supports; job exploration activities; and advising and guidance related to college and career.

Amend Section 10 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 10. Election – Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved

by the City Attorney in accordance with their responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. XXXXX concerning replacing an expiring levy to fund education support services.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring levy, funding childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and job readiness; and other supports, as provided in Ordinance XXXXX.

It authorizes a six-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.7~~12~~/\$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$3.0~~12~~. 2026's amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2031. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Amendment 6 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Allow for Additional Investments in Environmental Learning

Effect: This amendment would add \$679,000 annually, or \$4.1 million total, to the expected revenues generated by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy proposition submitted to voters upon passage of Council Bill 120981. This additional revenue would allow for further investments to support environmental learning programs for youth and families.

The 2026 Endorsed Budget cut \$1.09 million in 2026 for SPR's environmental learning program, abrogating 9 positions (7.35 FTE). The FEPP Levy proposal transmitted by the Mayor includes funding that would allow for \$411,000 annually to be restored to create a new environmental learning program focused on youth. An additional \$679,000 annual investment would fully restore all 9 positions, with the intention of focusing on youth and family programs.

The estimated additional tax rate needed to allow for this additional investment would be \$.002, or two-tenths of a cent, per \$1,000 of assessed value, with an estimated average additional tax burden of \$2.13 per year to a median-value property.

To allow for the additional expected revenue to be reflected in the Council Bill and the proposed ballot measure, this amendment adds one cent to the maximum allowable tax rate proposed, from \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, to \$0.72. The final version of the bill for Full Council consideration will reconcile all proposed changes to the tax rate based on the estimated additional revenue needed to incorporate all amendments.

This amendment would also add "environmental learning programs" to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the "K-12 student supports" category.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services. However, if this amendment passes and additional revenue is raised, Council's intent would be to use the amended additional revenue, averaging \$679,000 per year, towards supporting environmental learning programs.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 4 of CB 120981 as follows:

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Amend Section 6 of CB 120981 as follows:

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for K-12 students; college and career pathways; and comprehensive support services. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

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B. K-12 student supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student college and career readiness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: expanded learning opportunities including year-round, out-of-school time activities; environmental learning programs; academic tutoring, mentoring, and case management; social, emotional, and behavioral skill building; culturally-responsive programming and family engagement activities; college and job readiness activities and college admissions supports; job exploration activities; and advising and guidance related to college and career.

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It authorizes a six-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.7~~12~~/\$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$3.0~~12~~. 2026's amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2031. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Amendment 7 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Allow for Additional Investments in Restorative Practices

Effect: This amendment would add \$1,000,000 annually, or \$6 million total, to the expected revenues generated by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy proposition submitted to voters upon passage of Council Bill 120981. This additional revenue would allow for further investments to support restorative practices.

Restorative practices promote conflict resolution, harm repair, and healing with the intention of reducing disciplinary incidents and creating a safer and more supportive school environment for students. Currently this programming is funded through the 2025-2026 school year using \$800,000 of Families and Education Levy fund reserves. Restorative practices are also currently supported at five schools from FEPP Levy school-based investments, which are determined by individual levy-funded schools.

The estimated additional tax rate needed to allow for this additional investment would be \$.003, or two-tenths of a cent, per \$1,000 of assessed value, with an estimated average additional tax burden of \$3.13 per year to a median-value property.

To allow for the additional expected revenue to be reflected in the Council Bill and the proposed ballot measure, this amendment adds one cent to the maximum allowable tax rate proposed, from \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, to \$0.72. The final version of the bill for Full Council consideration will reconcile all proposed changes to the tax rate based on the estimated additional revenue needed to incorporate all amendments.

This amendment would also add “restorative practices” to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “K-12 health and safety” category.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services. However, if this amendment passes and additional revenue is raised, Council’s intent would be to use the amended additional revenue, averaging \$1,000,000 per year, towards supporting restorative practices.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 4 of CB 120981 as follows:

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C. K-12 health and safety. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student physical and mental wellness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, oral health care, health education, care coordination, facilities grants, connection and referral to community supports, violence prevention, restorative practices, and outreach.

Amend Section 10 of CB 120981 as follows:

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THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Jasmine Marwaha
Select Committee on the Families, Education, Preschool and Promise Levy
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Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

Amendment 8 Version 1 to CB 120981 DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Allow for Additional Investments to Support Families from Vulnerable Communities

Effect: This amendment would add \$600,000 annually, or \$3.6 million total, to the expected revenues generated by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy proposition submitted to voters upon passage of Council Bill 120981. This additional revenue would allow for further investments to support vulnerable communities, including immigrant and refugee families.

The estimated additional tax rate needed to allow for this additional investment would be \$.002, or two-tenths of a cent, per \$1,000 of assessed value, with an estimated average additional tax burden of \$1.88 per year to a median-value property.

To allow for the additional expected revenue to be reflected in the Council Bill and the proposed ballot measure, this amendment adds one cent to the maximum allowable tax rate proposed, from \$0.71 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year, to \$0.72. The final version of the bill for Full Council consideration will reconcile all proposed changes to the tax rate based on the estimated additional revenue needed to incorporate all amendments.

This amendment would also add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “K-12 health and safety” category:

- Support for families from vulnerable communities.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services. However, if this amendment passes and additional revenue is raised, Council’s intent would be to use the amended additional revenue, averaging \$600,000 per year, towards supporting families from vulnerable communities.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 4 of CB 120981 as follows:

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Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

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C. K-12 health and safety. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student physical and mental wellness, with services that may include, but are not limited to: comprehensive primary medical care, mental health care, oral health care, health education, care coordination, facilities grants, connection and referral to community supports, support for families from vulnerable communities; violence prevention, and outreach.

Amend Section 10 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 10. Election – Ballot title. The City Council directs the City Clerk to file this ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of elections, requesting the Director of Elections to call and conduct a special election in the City in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 4, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved by the City Attorney in accordance with their responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The following ballot title is submitted to the City Attorney for consideration:

THE CITY OF SEATTLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

The Seattle City Council adopted Ordinance No. XXXXX concerning replacing an expiring levy to fund education support services.

The City of Seattle's Proposition 1 would replace an expiring levy, funding childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and job readiness; and other supports, as provided in Ordinance XXXXX.

It authorizes a six-year levy for collection beginning in 2026 of an additional \$0.7~~12~~/\$1,000 of assessed value, for a maximum total levy rate of \$3.0~~12~~. 2026's amount will be the base for subsequent levies through 2031. RCW 84.36.381's senior citizens and disabled persons exemption applies.

Should this levy be approved?

Yes

No

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ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Strauss

Additions to Potential College and Career Education Support Services – Public Sector Careers

Effect: This amendment would add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “College and career supports” category:

- Public sector careers such as those with the Seattle Fire Department or Seattle Police Department.

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services.

This amendment would not impact the proposed property tax rate in Council Bill 120981, nor would it change the expected revenues from the proposition submitted to voters.

If the proposition is approved by voters, funding for specific items would be appropriated by Council through the adoption of an Implementation and Evaluation Plan, and during Council budget deliberations.

Amend Section 6 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 6. Education-support services. Services funded by proceeds are intended to increase access and delivery of childcare and preschool; academic, health, and safety supports for K-12 students; college and career pathways; and comprehensive support services. Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Levy Funding, and Implementation Principles set out in Section 2 of this ordinance. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through education-support services that include:

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D. College and career supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student completion of post-secondary degree and/or career pathway opportunities, ~~including the trades~~, with services that may include, but are not limited to: academic preparation and application, retention, transfer supports, and financial assistance. Career pathways that may be supported include, but are not limited to: public sector careers, such as those with the Seattle Fire Department or Seattle Police Department; and opportunities in the trades.

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ORD**

Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Additions to Potential College and Career Education Support Services - Foster Youth and
Information Technology Careers That Utilize Coding

Effect: This amendment would add the following to the list of educational support services that may be supported by the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy, under the “College and career supports” category:

- Support for foster care youth transition to adulthood; and
- Support for career pathways in the information technology sector that utilize coding languages

The list of educational support services is a non-exhaustive list intended to illustrate the types of investments that could be supported by the FEPP Levy. It does not bind the Council to funding those services.

This amendment would not impact the proposed property tax rate in Council Bill 120981, nor would it change the expected revenues from the proposition submitted to voters.

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D. College and career supports. Major program elements are intended to increase Seattle student completion of post-secondary degree and/or career pathway opportunities, ~~including the trades~~, with services that may include, but are not limited to: academic preparation and application, retention, transfer supports, and financial assistance. Services may also include support for foster care youth transitioning to adulthood. Career pathway opportunities that may be supported include, but are not limited to, the trades, as well as information technology careers that utilize digital skills in coding, software engineering, and computer programming languages that are in high demand by major technology sector employers around the region, which currently include Java, JavaScript, and Python.

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ORD

Sponsor: Councilmember Kettle

Requiring Written Explanation When Advertised Process Not Used for Agreements With Non-Public Entities

Effect: This amendment would require a written explanation when the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) determines that an exception to a competitive process is warranted when entering into agreements with non-public entities.

Council Bill 120981 authorizes DEEL to enter into agreements with non-public entities using a competitive process, except in case of emergency as determined by the Executive, or when the Director of DEEL determines that a process is not feasible because the services are only available from one source or are impracticable to solicit.

Exemptions to competitive solicitation exist elsewhere in Seattle Municipal Code regarding procuring consultant services or purchasing, but in some cases require a written explanation for pursuing the exemption. For example, Seattle Municipal Code Sections 20.50.090 and 20.60.114 require such written explanations.

If the proposition proposed by CB 120981 is approved by voters, further contracting expectations may be adopted by Council during the consideration of the FEPP Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan.

Amend Section 9 of CB 120981 as follows:

Section 9. Agreements with public agencies. The Director of Education is authorized to enter agreements for education-support services with the Seattle Public School District, Seattle Colleges, Public Health-Seattle & King County, and the State of Washington. The Director of Education is also authorized to enter agreements with non-public entities for the education-support services using an advertised process, such as a request for proposals or qualifications, except in case of emergency as determined by the Executive or when the Director of Education determines that a process is not feasible because the services are only available from one source or are impracticable to solicit. When an exception to an advertised process is used to enter an

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agreement with a non-public entity, the Director of Education shall include a written explanation
of the determination of exceptional circumstances with the agreement.