



City of Seattle

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

Honorable Bruce A. Harrell, President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor
Seattle, WA 98199

March 5, 2019

Dear Council President Harrell:

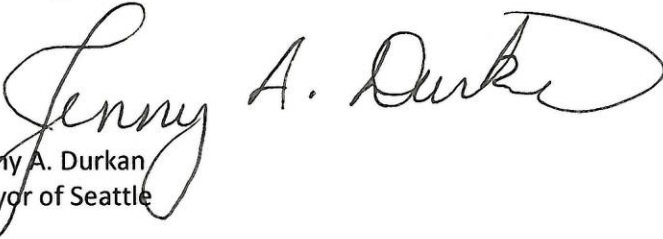
I am pleased to transmit the attached ordinance for the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation and Evaluation (I&E) Plan. The plan sets forth the criteria, measurable outcomes, and methodology by which proceeds-funded strategies will be selected and evaluated; the process and schedule by which the Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL) will select and contract with partners to provide services; and the evaluation methodology to measure both individual investments and overall impacts of the education support services. The I&E Plan has been reviewed by the FEPP Levy Oversight Committee and committee members' feedback has been incorporated; this is consistent with the committee's charge to make recommendations on the design and modifications of FEPP Levy-funded programs.

Since 1990, Seattle voters have demonstrated a strong commitment to education and supporting students. The Families and Education Levy (FEL) was first approved by voters in 1990 and renewed three times, in 1997, 2004, and 2011. In 2014, Seattle voters also approved the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) Levy, deepening the City's investment in early childhood education. On November 6, 2018, Seattle voters approved the FEPP Levy, a seven-year, \$619 million property tax levy to replace two expiring levies and initially fund expanded early learning and preschool, college and K-12 education support, K-12 student health, and job readiness opportunities. The FEPP Levy replaces and expands the FEL and SPP levies which both expired in 2018.

The FEPP I&E Plan outlines the City's commitment to eliminating educational disparities and achieving educational equity by investing in Seattle's youth across the education continuum, pre-school through post-secondary. The four investment areas, (1) Preschool and Early Learning, (2) K-12 School and Community-Based, (3) K-12 School Health, and (4) Seattle Promise, will fund core strategies that will fund access to equitable educational opportunities, high-quality learning environments, and student and family supports. This bill, if approved, will provide a detailed roadmap to guide progress toward achieving the overall FEPP Levy goal of *partnering with families and communities to advance educational equity, close opportunity gaps, and build a better economic future for Seattle students.*

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If you have any questions, please contact Dwane Chappelle, Director of the Department of Education and Early Learning, at (206) 684-4508.

Sincerely,



Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council