



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Select Committee on Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Agenda

Thursday, May 1, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

**1. Every Child Ready: Executive Presentation on Families,
Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Renewal**

Supporting
Documents: [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenters: Deputy Mayor Tiffany Washington, Mayor's Office; Dwane Chappelle, Director, Jonathan Swift, and Marissa Rousselle, Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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Every Child Ready: Executive Presentation on Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
Renewal

Every Child Ready

Executive Presentation on FEPP Levy Renewal

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Deputy Mayor Tiffany Washington

Dr. Dwane Chappelle, Director

Jonathan Swift, Chief Financial Officer

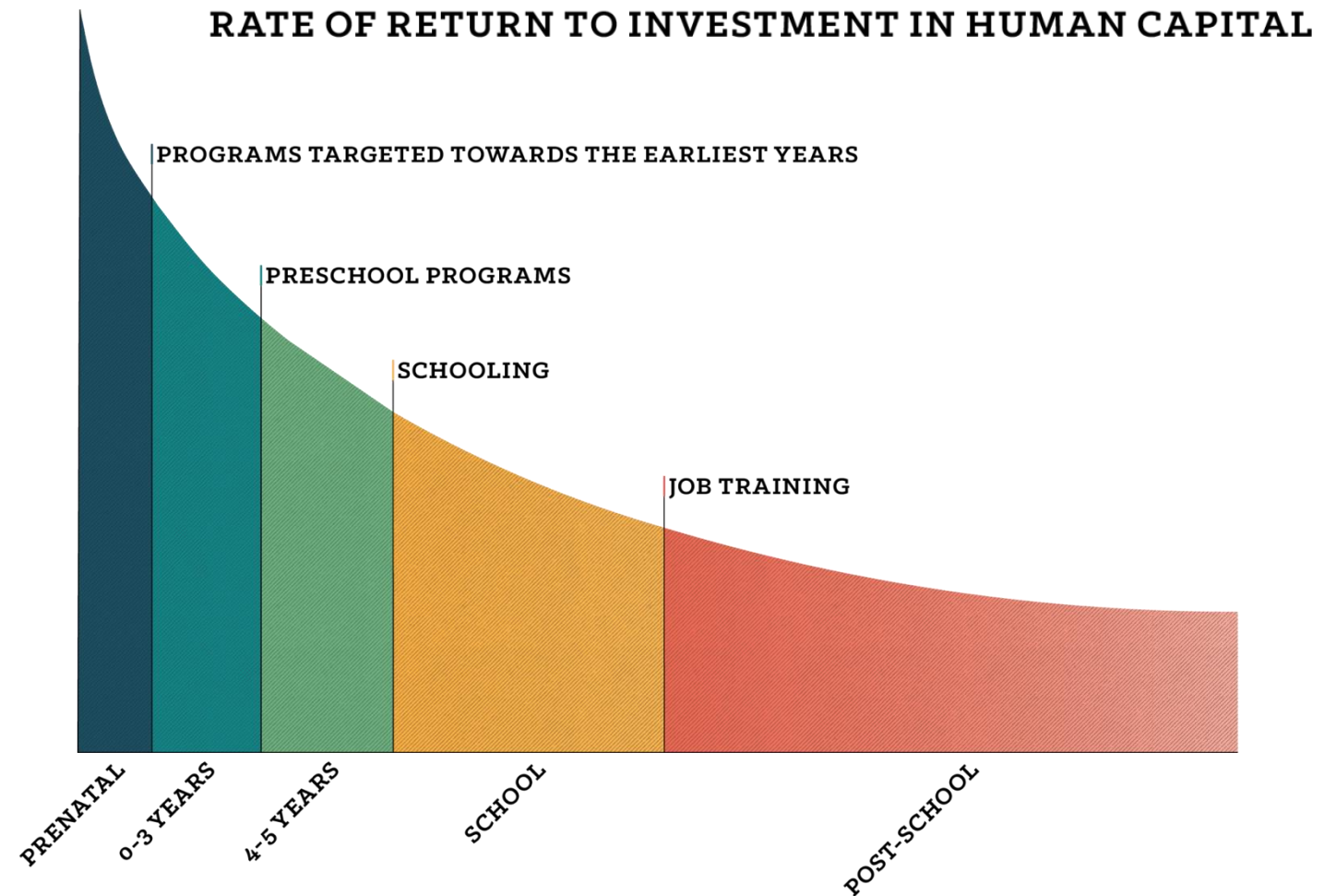
Marissa Rousselle, Deputy Director of Impact & External Affairs

Agenda

- Mayor Harrell's **Every Child Ready** Vision
- 2025 FEPP Levy Proposal
- Proposal Development Process
- Renewal & Implementation Planning Timeline

Upstream Focus

- Many City efforts and interventions respond to downstream impacts such as homelessness, substance use, and youth violence.
- Investing early in children yields greater returns in terms of lifelong success, increased productivity, and reduced societal costs.



Source: Heckman, James J. (2008). "Schools, Skills and Synapses," *Economic Inquiry*, 46(3): 289-324

Mayor Harrell's *Every Child* **READY** Vision

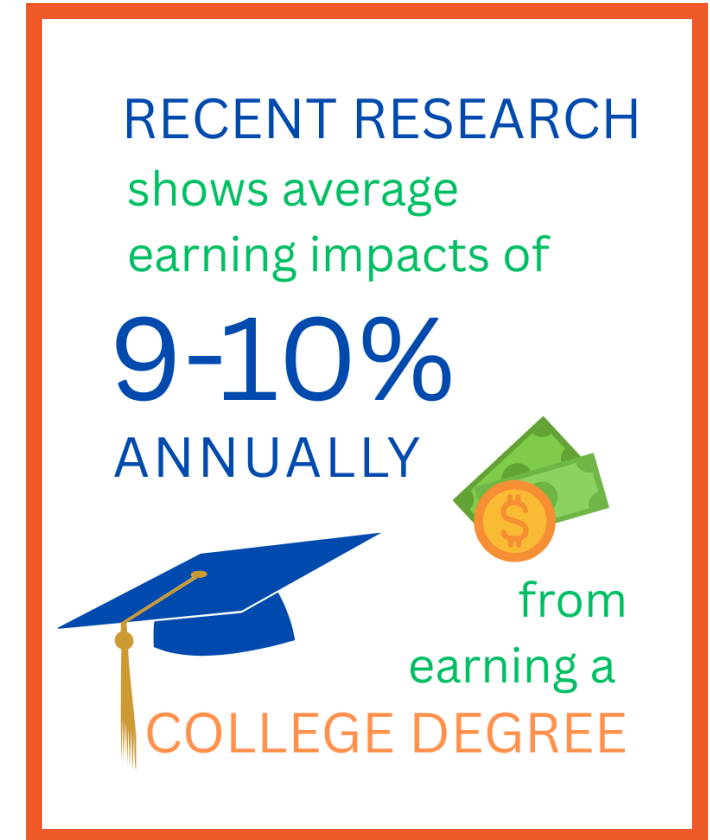
Helping every Seattle child be:

- 1 **Ready to Start:** High-quality, affordable early learning opportunities
- 2 **Ready to Learn:** Safe and healthy K-12 environments and supports
- 3 **Ready to Launch:** College access and career pathways

Birth-to-Career Investments



Upstream Investments



Sources: Garcia, et al (2020), "The Life-cycle Benefits of an Influential Early Childhood Program"; Maier, et al (2017), "Community schools as an effective school improvement strategy"; Joint State Govt Commission (2021), "Return on investment of afterschool programs"; Zhang, et al (2024), "Degrees of Return: Estimating Internal Rates of Return for College Majors."

Principles Informing the Levy Proposal

Sustain

Continue successful investments supporting students' health, safety, and readiness to learn and thrive.

Expand

Respond proactively to emergent community needs for expanded access to affordable programs.

New

Develop new pathways to trades careers to help more students launch into a successful future.

At Scale, This Levy Will Fund Annually . . .



1 Ready to Start

- 1,400 Childcare slots – *800 new*
- 5,000 Childcare workers supported – *new*
- 3,100 Seattle Preschool Program seats – *600 new*

2 Ready to Learn

- 19,000 K-12 students receiving academic and enrichment supports
- 34 School Based Health Clinics – *5 new clinics*
- 51,000 K-12 students with access to medical and mental health services, including telehealth
- Expanded safety investments in and around schools

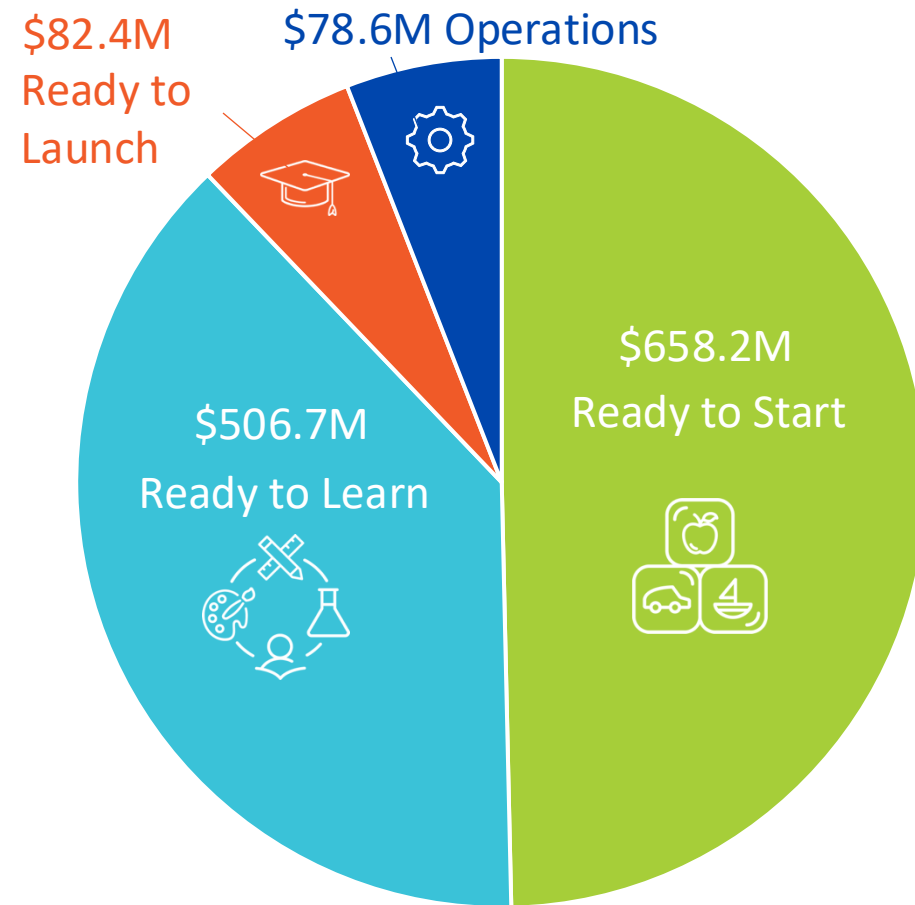
3 Ready to Launch

- 1,450 Seattle Promise scholars
- 105 Path to UW scholars
- Path to Trades program – *new*



2025 Levy Proposal

- \$1.3B over six years
- \$0.61 per \$1,000 assessed value
- \$654 average annual impact to the owner of a median value home (\$1.1M)





Ready to Start

- Investments support families and children ages 0-5 to provide a healthy foundation for life and learning.
- Helping children have a strong start leads to greater success throughout their educational journey.





Ready to Start - \$658.2M



- Early childhood development supports for 750 children annually
- Affordable childcare for 1,400 children ages 0-12 annually
- Supports benefiting 5,000 childcare workers annually
- 600 new seats for Seattle Preschool Program, totaling 3,100

Early Childhood	6 Year Total (\$M)
Prenatal-to-3 Investments	\$32.3
Child Care Family Subsidies	\$154.8
Child Care Worker Supports	\$18.5
Seattle Preschool Program	\$452.6
Ready to Start Total	\$658.2



Ready to Learn

- Investments are focused on ensuring children and youth can attend school feeling safe, healthy, and therefore, **ready to learn**.
- Research shows that academic enrichment, combined with health and safety supports, improves attendance, fosters 21st century skills, and boosts student success.





Ready to Learn - \$506.7M



- Academic, enrichment, and comprehensive supports for 19,000+ youth
- Five new school-based health centers for a total of 34 citywide in SPS schools
- Expanded mental health supports with more SBHC staffing and telehealth services accessible to 51K students
- Expanded school safety investments in and around schools

K-12 Youth / Health & Safety	6 Year Total (\$M)
Expanded Learning Opportunities	\$271.6
Student Physical & Mental Health	\$188.5
School Safety	\$46.6
Total	\$506.7



Ready to Launch

- Research shows that many young adults are leaving high school without the skills needed to thrive as adults.
- Investments in college and trade scholarships and skill-building programs ensure recent graduates are **ready to launch**.





Ready to Launch - \$82.4M

- Sustain Seattle Promise with funding for 1,475 Seattle public HS graduates annually in partnership with Seattle Colleges
- Fund supportive transfer path to UW-Seattle for Seattle College scholars
- New apprenticeships and skill-building opportunities for graduates.

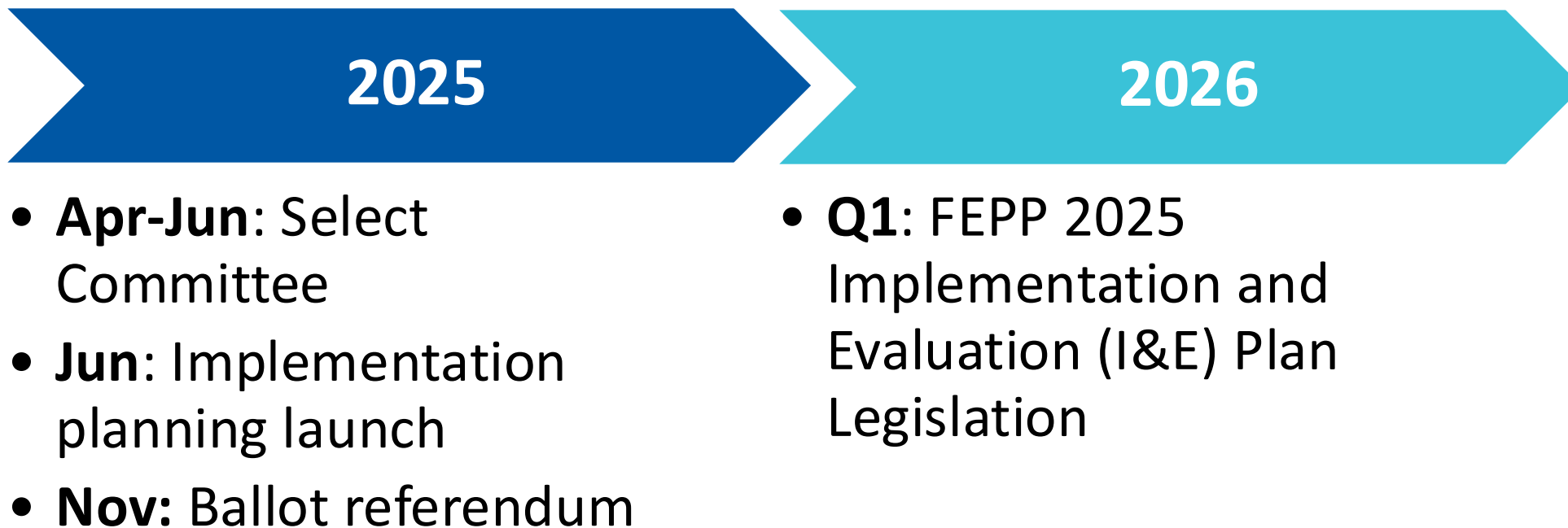
College & Career	6 Year Total (\$M)
Seattle Promise	\$66.2
Path to UW	\$2.2
Career Pathways	\$14.0
Total	\$82.4M

Development of Levy Proposal

- Continuous quality improvement and feedback from grantees, families, and youth since 2018:
 - 26 Evaluations
 - 53 Survey Projects with 10K+ responses
 - 88 Focus Groups and Interviews
 - 2,000+ Site Visits
- Internal needs assessment of local trends and national best practices between Jan–July 2024
- Engagement with education and community partners beginning in July 2024



Renewal & Implementation Timeline



Seattle is a National Leader

- Most comprehensive suite of preschool to postsecondary investments among national Children's levies
- Recognition from CityHealth and National League of Cities for the Seattle Preschool Program and early childhood initiatives
- Seattle has 37% of all School Based Health Centers in WA State

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