

Amendment B Version 1 to CB 120981 - DEEL Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy
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Sponsor: Councilmember Saka

Additions to Possible Early Childhood Education Support Services – Preschool Subsidy Pilot

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 pilot program to subsidize preschool costs for working families in neighborhoods where Seattle Preschool Program slots are not available.

According to the [SPP Provider Map](#) published by DEEL, currently over 60% of providers in the Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) are running an extensive waitlist, leaving many neighborhoods underserved throughout the City. This pilot, if supported by the Levy, would not be intended to impact funding for current or future planned SPP slots, and could evaluate impacts to SPP enrollment, among other program impacts.

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:

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 a pilot program to subsidize preschool costs for working families in neighborhoods where Seattle Preschool Program slots are not available.

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