

# Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Implementation Plan Amendments

Neighborhoods, Education, Civil Rights, and Culture Committee



# FEPP Goal and Investment Areas

Partner with families and communities to achieve educational equity, close opportunity gaps, and build a better economic future for Seattle students

Preschool and Early Learning

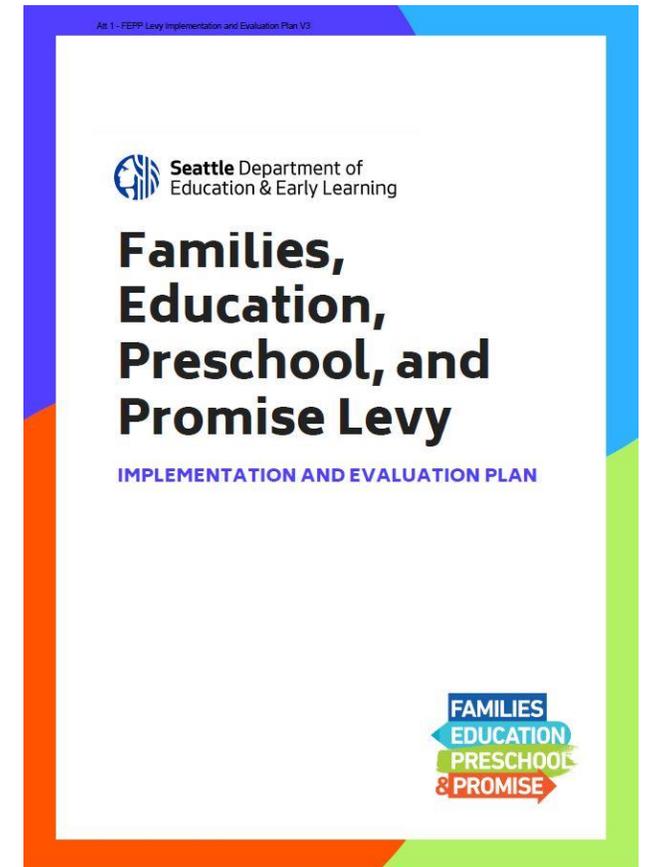
K-12 School and Community-Based

K-12 School Health

Seattle Promise

# FEPP Legislative Requirements

- [Ord 125604](#) provides that:
  - "Proceeds may be spent only in accordance with an Implementation and Evaluation Plan ("The Plan") approved by ordinance. The Plan may be amended by ordinance."
  - "Before the Executive submits to the Council the Implementation and Evaluation Plan, Partnership Agreements, or proposes any changes in Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the recommendation of the Committee."
- [Ord 125807](#) adopted the FEPP Plan



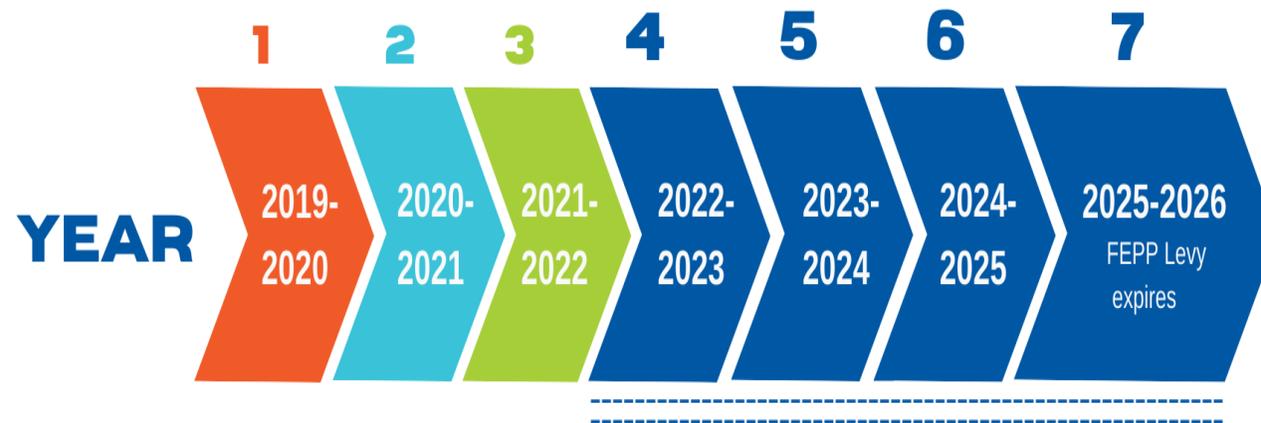
# FEPP Levy Oversight Committee

- LOC engagement spanned June-September 2021
- LOC vote occurred on September 9, 2021
- Delays in transmission to Council due to COVID-19 related DEEL staffing disruptions and briefing incoming administration on policy objectives



# Timeframe

- Council approval in September will allow for inclusion in SY 22-23 contracts (FEPP Year 4)
- All proposed amendments are for life of the levy, through SY 25-26 (FEPP Year 7)



# Proposed FEPP Amendments

1. K-12 Homelessness and Housing allowable uses of funds
2. Seattle Preschool Program (SPP) tuition metric change
3. SPP early enrollment
4. SPP policy alignment
5. SPP summer extension
6. SPP evaluation timeline update



# #1: K-12 Homelessness and Housing Supports

**Objective:** Expands the list of eligible uses of funds for K-12 HHS strategy to support basic needs such as nutrition, clothing and transportation to and from school and academic or other enrichment activities

**Current Language:** Page 77- Funding is restricted to housing-related expenses only such as “rent, housing deposits, other housing-related”

## **Rationale:**

- Addresses a recommendation from the 2021 Racial Equity Toolkit for this investment
- Increases access to funds beyond housing to support student connection to school and academic learning



# #1: K-12 Homelessness and Housing Supports

## DEEL Analysis

- Students experiencing housing instability have multiple barriers to learning
- Priority for use of funds will remain to help unstably housed students and prevent further homelessness
- Not intended to supplant existing social services resources
- All families who receive HHS services could benefit from this change
- 93 households have been served since 2020; 95% of participants are BIPOC
- No projected change in number of families served due to this amendment
- No requested budget changes



# #2: SPP Tuition Metric Change

**Objective:** Adds language regarding “income equivalence” with 350% of Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and “alternative metric[s], such as State Median Income;” Clarifies changes requiring Council approval.

## Current Language:

- Page 7- Requires Council approval for modifications to SPP tuition requirement with one exception
- Page 32- Specifics 350% FPL as income threshold for free preschool
- Page 122- Restates 350% FPL threshold and includes an example tuition sliding scale table

## Rationale:

- Bring DEEL programs into alignment with WA state early learning childcare programs and forthcoming King County Best Starts for Kids childcare subsidy (State Median Income)
- Satisfy requirement that modifications to SPP tuition requirements be approved by ordinance
- Increase operational efficiency within DEEL



# #2: SPP Tuition Metric Change

## DEEL Analysis

- No adverse impact to families
- FEPP Plan specifies that SPP is free for families at/below 350% FPL
- Identified 94% SMI as equivalent to 351% FPL
- In SY 20-21, 73% of SPP families paid no tuition
  - 86% of whom were BIPOC
- Projected 5% reduction in revenue under the SMI income thresholds (or ~\$100K annually)



# #2: SPP Tuition Metric Change

Metric change did not change proportion of BIPOC-SPP participants benefiting from free tuition.

Seattle Preschool Program: Subsidized Tuition by Race/Ethnicity				
	SY 20-21*		SY 21-22**	
	BIPOC	Total	BIPOC	Total
Fully Subsidized Tuition	1057 (86%)	1233	1226 (86%)	1427
Partially Subsidized Tuition	222 (51%)	433	272 (51%)	535
Total	<b>1278 (77%)</b>	1665	<b>1498 (76%)</b>	1962

\*SY 20-21: Tuition fully subsidized below 350% FPL; 350% +FPL families paid tuition on a sliding scale

\*\*SY 21-22: Tuition fully subsidized below 94% SMI; 94%+ SMI tuition paid on a sliding scale

# #3: SPP Early Enrollment

**Objective:** Allow children to enroll in SPP on third birthday instead of waiting until the next school year:

- If they have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or receive special education services (SPS-SPP Plus)
- If they are enrolled in HeadStart and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

**Current Language:** Page 32- Children must be three-years-old by August 31 to enroll in SPP

## **Rationale:**

- Increases access to specialized and integrated education
- Increases hours of preschool for students with IEPs
- Supports seamless transitions for students and aligns with other publicly funded early learning programs



# #3: SPP Early Enrollment- IEPs

## DEEL Analysis

- All children transitioning to SPP as a result of this policy change will receive free tuition (IDEA funds); No cost impact
- Early intervention with high-quality, inclusive education is shown to decrease participation in special education in K-12
- As of September 2021, among 32 students with IEPs served by SPP Plus the majority are white (34%), male (72%), and four-years-old (91%)

## SPP Plus Enrollment Data as of September 2021

Race/ Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Asian	3	9%
Black/African-American	6	19%
Hispanic/Latino	7	22%
North African/Middle Eastern	1	3%
Two or more races	4	13%
White	11	34%
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	9	28%
Male	23	72%
<b>Age</b>		
Three	3	9%
Four	29	91%

# #3: SPP Early Enrollment- HeadStart/ECEAP

## DEEL Analysis

- Cost per student for children enrolled in SPP through this policy change is lower than for typical SPP participant; No budget impact
- HeadStart/ECEAP children are majority BIPOC (82%), female (54%), and four-years-old (61%)

## Head Start/ECEAP Enrollment Data as of June 2022

Race/ Ethnicity	Count	Percent
Asian	75	16%
Black/African-American	240	52%
Hispanic/Latino	71	15%
North African/Middle Eastern	9	2%
Two or more races	27	6%
White	38	8%
<b>Gender</b>		
Female	249	54%
Male	211	46%
<b>Age</b>		
Two	1	<1%
Three	177	38%
Four	284	61%



# #4: SPP Policy Alignment

**Objective:** Gives DEEL authority to modify SPP policies to align to county, state, or federal childcare and preschool programs; Adds 60-day Council notification requirement

## **Current Language:**

- Page 7- Reporting requirement restricted to changes to child selection prioritization

## **Rationale:**

- Early education is a policy priority at local, state, and federal levels
- Policy changes occurred in 2021, and are likely at various levels through 2026
- Minimize disruption to providers and families
- Maintains requirement to seek Council approval if SPP tuition were to be removed



# #5: SPP Summer Extension

**Objective:** Amend the Plan to include mention of SPP Summer Extension program

**Current Language:** The Plan does not currently contemplate SPP occurring in summer

**Rationale:**

- Sustains a COVID-19 innovation to address impacts on child development and academic proficiency
- Support families with continuity of programming and subsidized tuition
- Support providers with two additional months of basepay, teacher pay, and family support services
- Ensure Plan is an accurate public record of FEPP implementation



# #5: SPP Summer Extension

## DEEL Analysis

- After two summers of implementation, shown to be popular among providers and families
- More than 50 participating providers
- Over 800 children served annually
  - 75%+ quality for free tuition
  - 75%+ BIPOC)
- Estimated annual cost of \$2M; No new resource needed

SPP Summer Enrollment Data Summary		
	2021	2022
<b>Fully Subsidized Tuition</b>	722 (78%)	634 (75%)
<b>BIPOC</b>	748 (80%)	643 (75%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>844</b>

# #6: SPP Evaluation Schedule

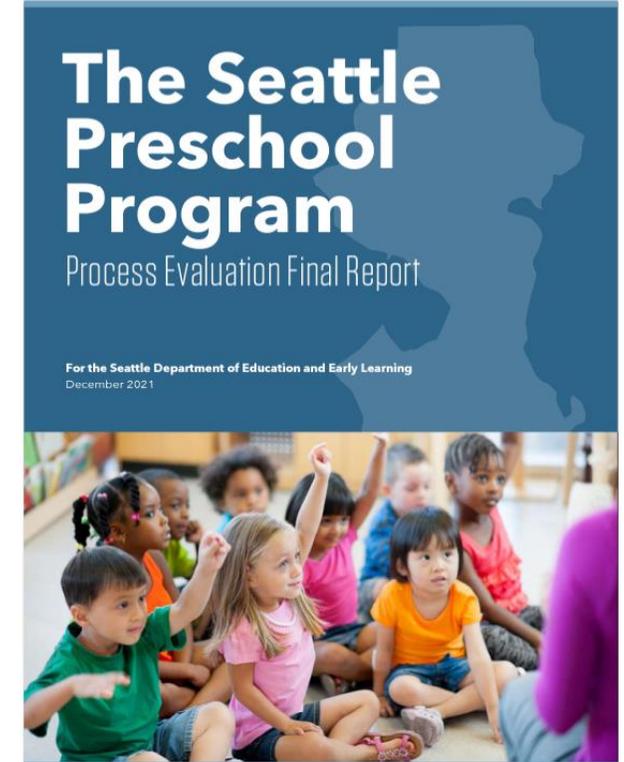
**Objective:** Update the Early Learning evaluation schedule to reflect modifications made due to COVID-19 disruptions:

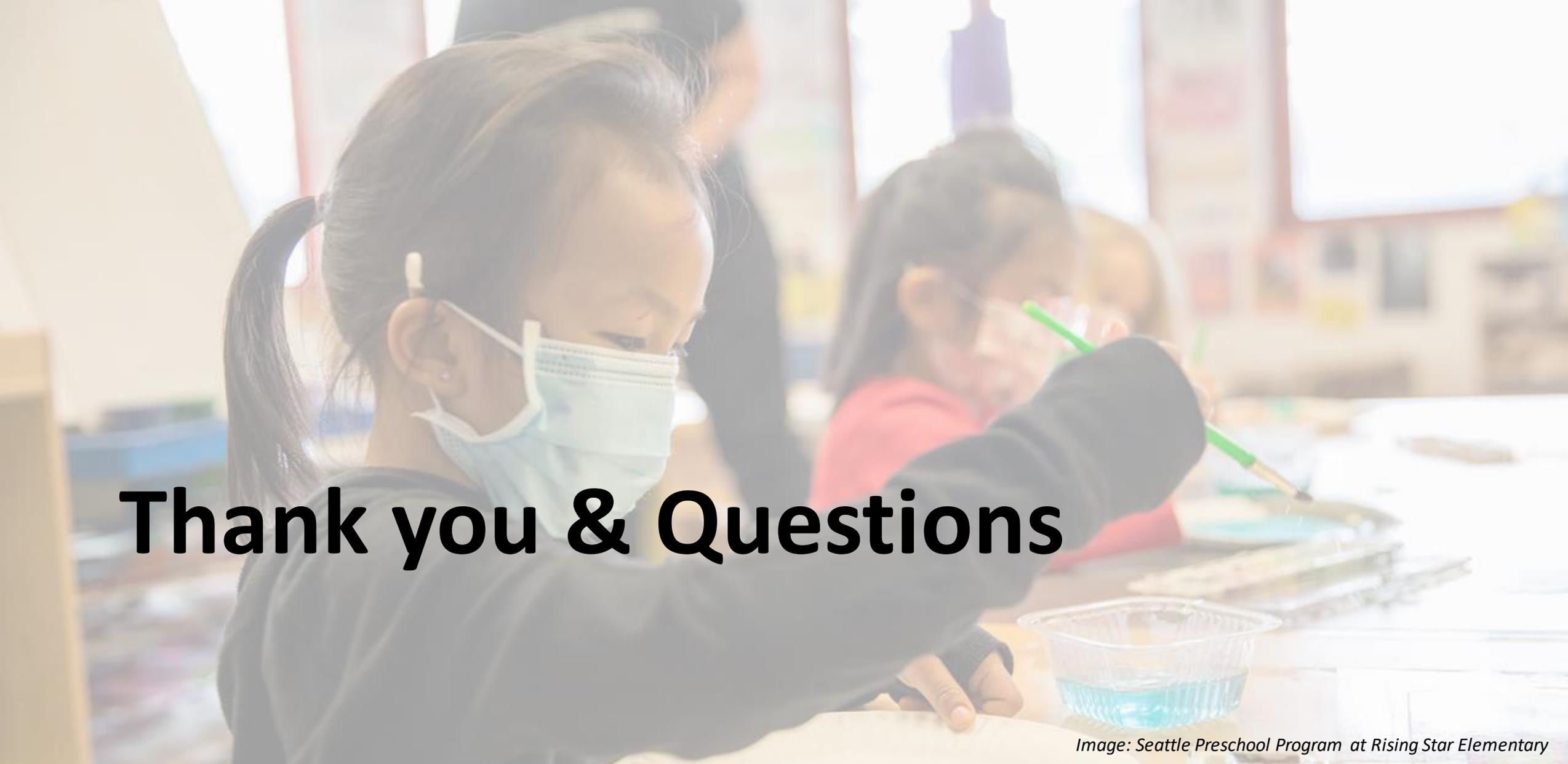
- Number of process evaluations reduced from 4 to 3
- External impact evaluations shifted from Years 2, 4, and 6 to Years 3, 5, and 6

**Current Language:** Page 55, Table 13

**Rationale:**

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# Thank you & Questions

*Image: Seattle Preschool Program at Rising Star Elementary*

