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Amendment 6 Version 1 to CB # 121240 - FEPP Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan

Sponsors: Councilmembers Hollingsworth and Foster

Providing Food Assistance to low-income families on weekends and school breaks

Effect: This amendment would add $500,000 a year over the 6-year levy period to provide food assistance to low-income students over weekends and school breaks (excluding summer). This assistance provided through vouchers would be distributed by school personnel to families identified as in need of such assistance. This program would be funded by delaying implementation of the Universal School Meals Program until the 2027-2028 school year, freeing up $3,000,000 to support this food assistance program. This would leave $4.7 million to be used to fund the Universal School Meals Program in the 2027-2028 school year. Currently, there is a legal challenge and potential ballot measure that threaten the Millionaire Tax. A one-year delay in implementing the Universal School Meals Program provides time to see if the long-term viability of this program is at risk.

Amend Page 29 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 as follows:

Table 13. Ready to Learn Spending Detail*

Investment	**Dept**	**6-Year Total**
Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO		
School-Based Investments	DEEL/SPR	$159,861,541
Community-Based Investments	DEEL	$22,164,780
Sports	DEEL	$1,760,209
Environmental Learning	SPR	$6,539,562
ELO Subtotal		**$190,326,093**
Health		
School Based Health Centers	DEEL	$83,716,716
Expanded SBHC Mental Health Staff	DEEL	$41,125,237
Youth Mental Health	DEEL	$57,273,918

HSD Youth Behavioral Health	HSD	$9,291,507
HSD Multisystemic Therapy	HSD	$1,099,306
Health Subtotal		**$192,506,685**
Safety		
Restorative Practices	DEEL	$11,124,113
Opportunity-Based Mentoring	DEEL	$5,174,728
HSD School-Based Safety	HSD	$30,212,376
HSD Gender-Based Violence Prevention	HSD	$3,428,256
Safety Subtotal		**$49,939,473**
Basic Needs		
Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness and Food Support	DEEL/HSD	$~~4,249,525~~ $7,249,525
Transportation	DEEL	$3,016,150
HSD Summer Food Program	HSD	$660,978
Universal School Meals	OSE	~~$7,740,000~~ $4,740,000
Basic Needs Subtotal		**$15,666,653**
Ready to Learn Labor		**$20,590,536**
Cost & Risk Reserve		**$9,023,292**
Total Ready to Learn		**$478,052,731**

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Strategy #4: Basic Needs

Funded Services

Basic Needs investments are designed to help eliminate non-academic and socio-economic barriers to educational achievement and post-

secondary pathways for students. Funded programs include Housing and Homelessness Supports, Transportation, Summer Food Program, and School Meals described below.

- **Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness and Food Supports** includes emergency housing assistance funding, client-centered housing case management, and screening, referral and connection to stabilization services. Services are provided by housing service providers. In addition, funding is provided to support low-income families in need of food assistance over weekends and school breaks (excluding summers). This assistance would be provided through vouchers and would be distributed by Seattle Public Schools personnel to families identified as in need of such assistance.

- **Transportation** provides transportation for students participating in levy-funded activities and events, with a priority for supporting SPS districtwide middle school sports. Seattle Parks and Recreation to administer funding, with services provided by SPS approved vendors.

- **Summer Food Program** provides prepared meals (breakfasts, lunches, and snacks) for students at designated community sites in Seattle during the summer months. Services are provided primarily by SPS.

- **New School Meals Program,** which will provide breakfast and lunch to all students at no cost during the school year. Services will be provided at 53 SPS schools to students who do not currently receive free or reduced meals supported by federal or state programs. Some students at these schools are already receiving free meals funded by these programs. This additional funding would support meals for those students who do not currently receive free meals**.** Funding for this new program is provided only for one year~~s~~ in anticipation of state funding supporting this program thereafter. Currently, 56 SPS schools fully fund meals for all students that are supported by federal and state programs.

Amend Page 42 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 as follows:

Participant Eligibility

Basic Needs investments serve Seattle families, youth, and students. Participant eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness and Food Supports: SPS K-12 students experiencing housing instability and/or food insecurity.

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Table 18. Program Implementation Standards (Basic Needs)

	Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness and Food Supports	**Transportation**
Quality	Services will be culturally-responsive with an emphasis on services being delivered in student's home language	Determined by SPS using criteria such as experience and required staffing
Outcomes	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn
Reporting Indicators	• # Served • % Attending 90% of the school year	• # Served • % Consistently attending OST or integrated support programs
Service Target	Minimum 90 students annually	• Minimum 20 schools annually • 650 students annually

Table 19 . Program Implementation Standards (Basic Needs – Food)

	Summer Food Program	**School Meals**
Quality	• At least 50% of a provider's participants must be Free and Reduced Lunch eligible in order to apply/qualify	• Meals will be provided by SPS and meet Washington state nutrition standards
Outcomes	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn
Reporting Indicators	• # Meals served • # Sites • % of sites in areas where 50% or more students are eligible for free/reduced priced lunch	• # Meals served • % Participating in school meals

Service Target	• 60,000 meals annually • 50 sites annually	Up to 53 school sites annually

Amend Page 43 and 44 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240, as follows:

Implementation Timeline

- Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness and Food Supports: The existing DEEL contract for Housing and Homelessness Supports will be extended through August 2027, and shift to HSD for administration. Funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes. Funding allocated for food support shall be awarded to Seattle Public Schools, who shall designate how such funding will be distributed by school personnel to low-income families in need of food assistance on weekends and during school breaks (excluding summer).

- Transportation: SPR will continue its existing partnership with the SPS transportation office. SPS will manage vendor contracts directly. Funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.

- Summer Food Program: Existing HSD agreements for Summer Food Program are valid through 2026. Future funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.

- School Meals: OSE will direct award funding to Seattle Public Schools to implement School Meals ~~through the~~ beginning in 2027-2028 school year. Funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.

Amend Page 55, of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 as follows:

V. Appendix

V.I Detailed Six-Year Spending Plan

Strategy Funded Services	**Year 1 2026-27 SY**	**Year 2 2027-28 SY**	**Year 3 2028-29 SY**	**Year 4 2029-30 SY**	**Year 5 2030-31 SY**	**Year 6 2031-32 SY**	**6-Year Total**
Basic Needs	**$4,878,066**	**$5,403,783**	**$1,301,696**	**$1,340,747**	**$1,380,970**	**$1,361,391**	**$15,666,653**
Housing, ~~and~~ Homelessness, and Food Support	~~$656,966~~ $1,156,966	~~$676,675~~ $1,176,675	~~$696,975~~ $1,196,975	~~$717,884~~ $1,217,884	~~$739,421~~$1,239,421	~~$761,604~~ $1,261,604	~~$4,249,525~~ $7,249,525
School Meals	~~$3,600,000~~	~~$4,140,000~~ $4,740,000,					~~$7,740,000~~ $4,700,000