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Amendment 6 Version 2 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. Seattle Public Schools would implement this program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. This program would be funded by implementing the Universal School Meals Program in 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 state's "Millionaire's Tax." Implementing the Universal School Meals Program in 2027-2028 provides time to see if the long-term viability of this program is at risk.

Amend Page 28 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	DEEL/HSD	$4,249,525
Transportation	DEEL	$3,016,150
Food Assistance Program	DEEL	$3,000,000
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**

** Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding*

** SPR Community Learning Centers are anticipated to continue to be funded, subject to the School-Based Supports RFP in Q4 2026. This funding would represent $12.8 million of this line item.

Amend Page 41 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 as follows:

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.

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- **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.

- **Food Assistance Program** provides support for Students from 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 SPS personnel to students or their families, identified as in need of such assistance. SPS will designate how such funding will be distributed by school personnel.

Amend Page 41 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:

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- Food Assistance Program: SPS K-12 students experiencing food insecurity.

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

Table 21. Program Implementation Standards (Basic Needs – Food)

_	**Food Assistance Program**	**Summer Food Program**	**School Meals**
Quality	• Vouchers will be provided by SPS personnel	• 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	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn
Reporting Indicators	• # of families served • Average voucher amount	• # Meals served • # Sites • % of sites in areas where 50% or more	• # Meals served • % Participating in school meals

	provided, per family	students are eligible for free/reduced priced lunch	
Service Targe	Up to 5,000 families annually	• 60,000 meals annually • 50 sites annually	Up to 53 school sites annually

Amend Pages 42 and 43 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240, as follows:

Implementation Timeline

- Housing and Homelessness 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.

- 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.

- Food Assistance Program: The DEEL Director may direct award funding pursuant to Ordinance 127238 to implement this program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year.

- 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 56 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**

Food Assistance Program	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$500,000	$3,000,000
School Meals	~~$3,600,000~~	~~$4,140,000~~ $4,740,000,					~~$7,740,000~~ $4,700,000