



***FAMILIES,
EDUCATION,
PRESCHOOL
AND PROMISE PLAN***



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Introduction

- History of investing since 1990
- Current strategies are not closing the opportunity gap fast enough for Seattle's youth

"The historical, economic, sociopolitical, and moral decisions and policies that characterize our society have created an education debt, formed by compounding disparities."

Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings



Community Voices

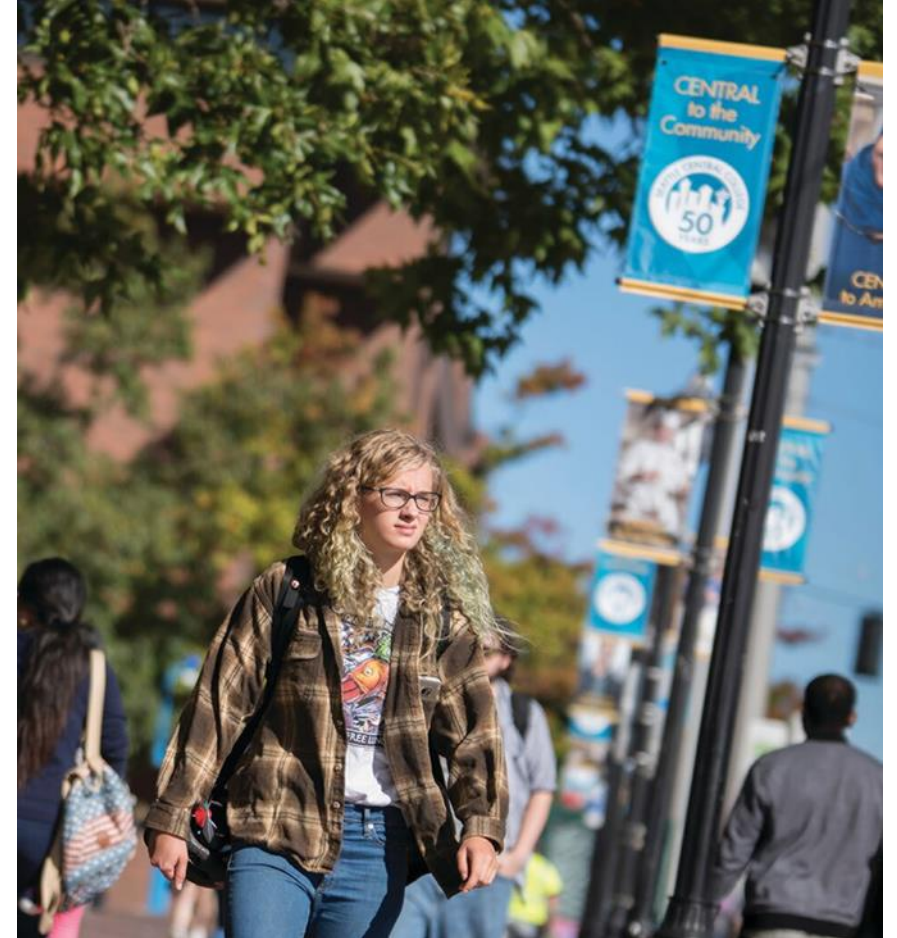
- Below is a snapshot of what DEEL heard during 33 meetings throughout the city. The following priorities rose to the top:
- **Closing Opportunity Gaps** – Focus on underserved, disadvantaged, and/or students of color. Provide support for all age groups.
- **Early Learning** – Universal access, affordability, and increase early learning provider compensation.
- **Expanded Learning Opportunities** – Out-of-school time programming, before- and after-school, summer and weekly learning, transportation.
- **Systems Coordination** – Preparation for post-secondary, career connections, pathway and transitions from prenatal to post-secondary, culture of collaboration among service providers, align systems and resources.
- **Wraparound Services** – Mental health, social emotional supports, health care, family supports and outreach, family engagement.



Families, Education, Preschool and Promise

Our programs work to achieve educational equity by providing kids with:

- 1 High-quality preschool that prepares kids for success in kindergarten
- 2 College and job readiness experiences that promote high school graduation
- 3 Physical and mental health services that support learning
- 4 Post Secondary opportunities that promote attainment of a certificate, credential, or degree



Preschool

Mayor Durkan wants to significantly increase the number of children who have access to high quality preschool. Preschool has been shown to be successful in:

- Closing the achievement gap allowing children to come to Kindergarten prepared
- Increasing academic success
- Improving health outcomes



K-12 & Community Investments

Mayor Durkan is committed to investing in K-12 to close the opportunity gap. Her proposal includes:

- Continued investments in K-12 even as McCleary adds additional funding for K-3
- New initiatives aimed at closing the opportunity gap and creating a pathway to jobs

K-12 & Community Investments

The workforce of the future is growing up right now—we need to give them tools to be successful throughout their lives.

- Targeting highest needs populations
- Year-round and expanded learning opportunities
- Social-emotional learning
- Student and family support services
- College and job readiness
- Increasing teacher diversity



K-12 & Health

Healthy students means better attendance and an improved focus on learning. Supporting school-based health centers, mental health support, and mobile dental clinics help make that a reality.

Mayor Durkan Proposes:

- Maintaining current health investments
- Adding 2 middle school health centers and 1 high school health center



Seattle Promise

Increasing access to post-secondary opportunities increases social mobility and economic opportunity beginning in high school.

- Academic preparation
- Increased enrollment
- Persistence and graduation
- Economic mobility

