



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Select Committee on Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy

Agenda

Thursday, April 10, 2025

11:00 AM

Council Chamber, City Hall
600 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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A. Call To Order

B. Approval of the Agenda

C. Public Comment

D. Items of Business

1. 2018 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Overview

*Supporting
Documents:* [Presentation](#)

Briefing and Discussion

Presenters: Dwane Chappelle, Director, Marissa Rousselle, and
Ismael Fajardo, Department of Education and Early Learning (DEEL)

E. Adjournment



Legislation Text

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2018 Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy Overview



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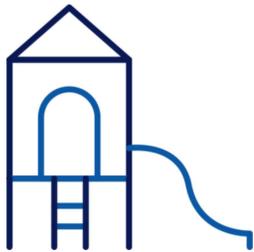
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Agenda

- **FEPP Levy Overview**
- **Childcare**
- **Preschool**
- **K-12 Youth Supports**
- **Seattle Promise**



DEEL Goals



Seattle families have access to affordable, quality childcare



Seattle children are kindergarten ready



Seattle students graduate high school college and career ready

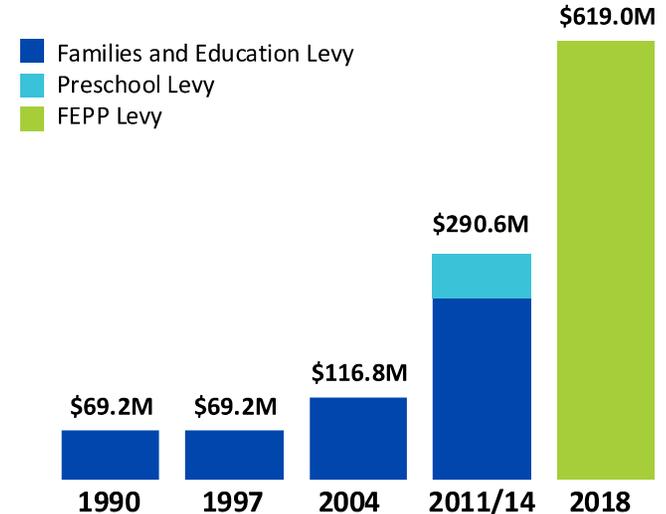


Seattle students attain a postsecondary degree, credential, or certificate

What is the FEPP Levy?

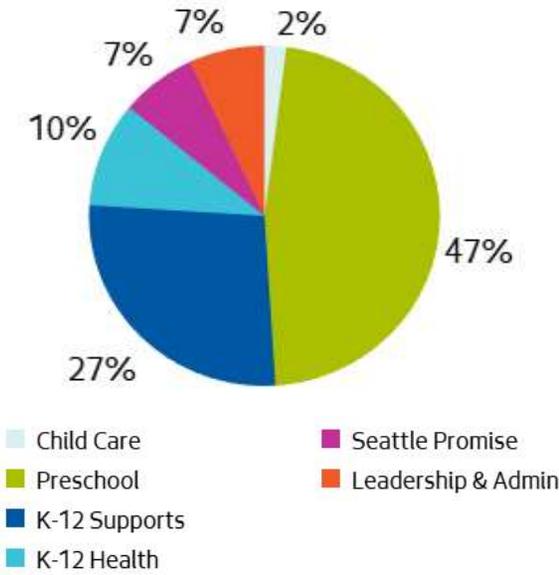
- Voter-approved property tax, 7-year period
- FEPP Levy dollars are invested in childcare, preschool through post-secondary programs to build better academic outcomes for children and youth

City of Seattle Education Levies Since 1990 (\$M)



FEPP 2018 Levy Overview

The FEPP Levy invests \$619M over 7 years



| Investment Areas | \$ (M) |
|--------------------|--------|
| Childcare* | \$12 |
| Preschool | \$294 |
| K-12 Supports | \$167 |
| K-12 Health | \$61 |
| Seattle Promise | \$44 |
| Leadership & Admin | \$41 |

*Childcare is also supported by the state, county, and SBT funding.

Current Levy Supports for Seattle Children, Youth, and Families



Current Childcare Supports

- **Investment:** Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- **Purpose:** Reduce childcare costs for income-eligible families not served by state or county programs
- **Eligibility:** Families below 94% State Median Income (~\$123k for a family of four)
- **Number served:** 1,954 children served since 2019
- **Child Benefit:** Improved academic readiness and health outcomes



Childcare Highlights

- Since 2019, we have served 1954 children
- Expanded eligibility to support parents who are working or attending school
- Expanded access across the City
- Provides childcare before and after school



Childcare Lessons Learned

- CCAP is serving more children at a lower SMI than originally anticipated
- Families need childcare during non-traditional work hours
- Preschool families need before- and after-school childcare



Current Preschool Services

- **Investment:** Seattle Preschool Program (SPP)
- **Purpose:** Improve child readiness for Kindergarten
- **Eligibility:** Seattle 3- and 4-year-olds
- **Number Served:** 7,237 children since 2019
- **Child Benefit:** Improved academic and social-emotional development



Preschool Highlights

- 3x CityHealth Gold Medal awardee
- Children who were in SPP were better prepared for Kindergarten and had better 3rd grade reading/math outcomes than those who did not participate in SPP
- 90%+ yearly enrollment rate (which meets or exceeds national trends)
- 90%+ of SPP family members are satisfied or very satisfied with their child's SPP experience
- Meets family needs with dual language and special education inclusion classrooms, as well as school, center, and family-childcare classrooms



Preschool Lessons Learned

- Many working families need before and after school care in addition to SPP
- Children and their families benefit from year-round SPP
- Building strong partnerships with families helps improve preschool attendance, learning, and smooth transitions into kindergarten



Current K-12 Youth Supports

- **Investment:** Grants awarded directly to SPS schools and Community-Based Organizations
- **Purpose:** Increase school attendance and academic achievement for K-12 youth
- **Eligibility:** Supports students with lowest academic performance and greatest need; All SPS students eligible for school health services
- **Number Served:** 49,955 students since 2019
- **Child Benefit:** Increased access to academic supports and healthcare



K-12 Highlights

- Youth enrolled in FEPP Levy supported programs reported growth in 21st Century skills (85%) and social emotional skills (76%)
- Student utilization of School Based Health Centers (SBHC) increased by 15% compared to last school year
- Students receiving academic, tutoring, and health services saw an increase in their well-being and success



K-12 Lessons Learned

- Student participation has increased, particularly for mental and behavioral health services
- Maintaining services in both school and community settings meets needs and preferences
- Need to strengthen coordination between community partners and school instructional practices



Current Seattle Promise

- **Investment:** Seattle Promise Program
- **Purpose:** Create access to tuition-free 2- year degree
- **Eligibility:** Seattle public high school graduates
- **Number Served:** 1,224 Promise graduates since 2019
- **Benefit:** Access to a college degree, certificate, or credential



Seattle Promise Highlights

- Since 2019, 23% of all SPS graduates have enrolled in Promise
- Since 2019, 38% of Promise scholars identify as first-generation college-going
- Promise scholars who participated in the Path to UW program had an 83% admission rate to UW-Seattle



Seattle Promise Lessons Learned

- Early and consistent communication with students and families starting as soon as middle school
- Student readiness for college improves when high school and college expectations are aligned, when there are expanded options for early credit, and the transition to college is supported
- Provide students coaching from graduation with mentoring, organizational help, and continued advising to help them stay on track



Thank You & Questions

