

Amendment 8 Version 1 to CB # 121240 - FEPP Levy Implementation and Evaluation Plan

Sponsor: Councilmember Rinck

Requiring School Safety Coordination Report

Effect: This amendment would require DEEL to submit a report to Council describing planned systems-level coordination for the totality of school safety investments, and a comprehensive framework for such investments. This report is due to Council after school year 2026-27, and prior to any planned competitive funding processes or contract renewals for the Restorative Practices, Opportunity Based Mentoring, and HSD School Safety programs, and as a condition of further funding for future years.

Amend Strategy 3 in the Ready to Learn Domain, starting on page 38, as follows:

[Strategy #3: Safety](#)

Funded Services

Safety investments are designed to improve education outcomes by equipping Seattle students with tools to navigate and avert violence, helping students feel safe in their schools, and educating students on gender-based violence to build safer and supportive home environments, promoting regular school attendance and academic achievement. Physical and emotional safety is directly connected to a student's ability to learn or stay enrolled in, and/or return to, K-12 education or post-secondary pathway. Funded programs include Restorative Practices, Opportunity Based Mentoring, HSD School-Based Safety, and HSD Gender-Based Violence Prevention as described below:

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- **Opportunity-Based Mentoring** is a new program that will work with Seattle public and charter schools to serve students involved in, or at elevated risk of, criminal justice system involvement. Services will pair students with professionally trained mentors, who may have lived experience navigating the justice system and school disconnection, to provide consistent, relationship-based support anchored in school reconnection and post-secondary pathways. Participation incentives for meeting program milestones may be provided.
 - Mentors will partner with school staff to support re-entry after discipline or justice system involvement, reduce chronic absenteeism, and connect students to post-secondary pathways.
- The new program will be designed in the 2026-2027 school year for implementation in the 2027-2028 school year. Elements may include a co-design with the schools, teachers, local CBOs and families that would adopt evidence-based models for Seattle students. As per the

Plan, DEEL will provide program details for Council approval before implementation for the 2027-2028 school year. Such program details shall be informed by the report detailed under the Implementation Timeline below.

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Implementation Timeline

- Restorative Practices: For school year 2026-2027, existing DEEL Restorative Practice agreements with SPS and CBOs will be extended for one year. In 2027, funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.
- Opportunity-Based Mentoring: In 2026, funding will be allocated per the Plan's Timeline for Competitive Processes.
- HSD School-Based Safety: Funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.
- HSD Gender-Based Violence Prevention: Funding will be allocated subject to the Plan's requirements for Competitive Processes.

The proposed Opportunity-Based Mentoring program, existing HSD School-Based Safety investments, and the Restorative Practices body of work (particularly conferencing and re-entry support), are likely to have overlap in terms of services offered and individuals served. After school year 2026-27, prior to any planned competitive funding processes or contract renewals for these three programs, and as a condition of further funding for future years, DEEL and HSD, in coordination with other relevant departments and agencies, shall submit a report to Council describing planned systems-level coordination for the totality of school safety investments provided by the City, and a comprehensive framework for such investments. The report shall also include, where applicable, how these investments intersect with, and can leverage, other City-funded youth-focused efforts that are not explicitly framed as promoting safety or gun violence reduction, but that may nonetheless overlap with these efforts, such as HSD Youth Behavioral Health, Mental Health, school-based investments, and community-based investments.