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Amendment 4 Version 2 to CB #121240 – FEPP Levy I&E Plan

Sponsor: Councilmembers Foster and Hollingsworth

Examining prioritization for the SPP Voucher Pilot and funding food assistance

Effect: This amendment would require that, prior to implementation of the SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot program, DEEL submit a report to Council examining SPP waitlist trends disaggregated by demographic factors; describing how the SPP Voucher Waitlist Pilot prioritization advances levy goals to close the opportunity gap for those furthest from kindergarten readiness; and reflecting engagement of stakeholders such as families, institutional providers, and family childcare providers.

After the development of the program in school year 2026-2027, the program would be implemented in the 2027-2028 school year. This amendment would allocate the \$927,710 that was proposed to be spent in the 2026-2027 school year for the voucher pilot, towards funding instead food assistance to low-income K-12 students over weekends and school breaks (excluding summer).

Amend Table 5 on Page 17 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 by amending the following:

*Table 5. Ready to Start Spending Detail**

	6-Year Total
Home Visiting	
Nurse Family Partnership	\$18,771,946
ParentChild+	\$9,543,014
Home Visiting Subtotal	\$28,314,961
Health	
Developmental Bridge	\$3,977,063
Childcare Health Program	\$22,806,335
Health Subtotal	\$26,783,398
Childcare	
Childcare Subsidies	\$90,537,870
Homeless Childcare Subsidies	\$3,234,126
SPR Childcare Scholarships	\$4,392,051
Childcare Workforce Payment Program	\$18,471,452
FCC Mentorship Program	\$4,038,976
Childcare Subtotal	\$120,674,475
Seattle Preschool Program	
Seattle Preschool Program	\$391,661,114
SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot	\$6,000,809 <u>\$5,073,099</u>
Seattle Preschool Program Subtotal	\$397,661,923 <u>\$396,734,213</u>
Ready to Start Labor	\$70,773,008
Cost & Risk Reserve	\$12,572,072

Total Ready to Start	\$656,779,835 \$655,852,125
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**Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding*

Amend Page 25 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 by inserting the following:

Participant Eligibility

Three- and four-year-old children who live in Seattle and are not yet eligible for kindergarten in Seattle School District are eligible to participate in SPP regardless of family income. Children are eligible to enroll in SPP when they are three or four years old as of August 31st of the school year. Families at or below 94% SMI are eligible for free tuition. Families above 94% SMI will pay tuition on a sliding scale.

SPP enrollment will be managed by DEEL and CBO/FCC providers. At sites where enrollment is managed by DEEL, children will be assigned to their requested site based on the following prioritization: 1) three- and four-year old children experiencing homelessness or in foster or kinship care; 2) four-year-olds; 3) children who apply to a site in their elementary school attendance zone; children with a sibling already enrolled in SPP or in the SPS building; three-year-olds with SMI below 54%; and three-year-olds who are dual-language speakers and are below 94% SMI.

Additional eligibility requirements for the SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot may include but not be limited to: families who are located in Council Districts where more than ten SPP providers with DEEL-managed enrollment have a waitlist. Eligibility requirements will be developed in school year 2026-27 prior to implementation in school year 2027-28.

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Amend Page 27 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 by inserting the following:

SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot

~~DEEL will develop the SPP waitlist voucher pilot for implementation in the 2026-2027 school year. The program is funded through 2031-2032. It will be reviewed after implementation and adjustments made, as warranted. The SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot will be developed during the 2026-27 school year. Prior to disbursement of funding for this program, and as a condition of further funding for future years, DEEL shall submit a report to Council examining SPP waitlist trends disaggregated by demographic factors; describing how the pilot's prioritization advances levy goals to close the opportunity gap for those furthest from kindergarten readiness; and reflecting engagement of stakeholders such as families, institutional providers, and family childcare providers. This report will inform Council approval of any changes to program details before implementation for the 2027-2028 school year.~~

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Amend Table 13 on Page 28 of Attachment 1 to CB 121240 by amending the following:

*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
<u>Food Assistance Program</u>	<u>DEEL</u>	<u>\$927,710</u>
HSD Summer Food Program	HSD	\$660,978
Universal School Meals	OSE	\$7,740,000
Basic Needs Subtotal		\$15,666,653 \$16,594,363
Ready to Learn Labor		\$20,590,536
Cost & Risk Reserve		\$9,023,292
Total Ready to Learn		\$478,052,731 \$478,980,441

*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

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.

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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	• <u>Vouchers will be provided by SPS personnel</u>	• At least 50% of a provider's participants must be Free and Reduced	• Meals will be provided by SPS and meet Washing

		Lunch eligible in order to apply/qualify	ton state nutrition standards
Outcomes	• <u>Youth are healthy and ready to learn</u>	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn	• Youth are healthy and ready to learn
Reporting Indicators	• <u># of families served</u> • <u>Average voucher amount provided, per family</u>	• # 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	<u>Up to 5,000 families</u>	• 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 Pages 56 and 57 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
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Childcare	\$21,442,110	\$19,747,278	\$20,414,126	\$21,103,935	\$21,817,513	\$22,150,323	\$126,675,284
SPP Waitlist Voucher Pilot	\$927,710	\$955,541	\$984,208	\$1,013,734	\$1,044,146	\$1,075,470	\$6,000,809 \$5,073,099

Total Ready to Start	\$98,127,210	\$99,045,344	\$106,418,631	\$111,949,680	\$117,725,801	\$123,513,169	\$656,779,835 \$655,852,125
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Basic Needs	\$4,878,066 \$5,032,684	\$5,403,783 \$5,558,401	\$1,301,696 \$1,456,314	\$1,340,747 \$1,495,365	\$1,380,970 \$1,535,588	\$1,361,391 \$1,516,009	\$15,666,653 \$16,594,363
Food Support Program	\$154,618	\$154,618	\$154,618	\$154,618	\$154,618	\$154,618	\$927,710

Total Ready to Learn	\$81,815,981 \$81,970,599	\$76,933,326 \$77,087,944	\$76,619,706 \$76,774,324	\$79,077,470 \$79,232,088	\$81,577,490 \$81,732,108	\$82,028,757 \$82,183,375	\$478,052,731 \$478,980,441
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