



A Memo for Southeast Seattle Education Coalition | FEPP Levy Implementation & Evaluation Plan, Amendments

Summary & Considerations

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Tomorrow, July 8 at 9:30am, Seattle City Council's Select Committee will review 11 proposed amendments to the Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy Implementation Plan.

Below is a summary of the proposed amendments, along with SESEC considerations. These notes are intended to help inform our collective understanding of the potential impacts of each amendment, with a focus on advancing racial equity and ensuring investments best serve young people and families in our communities.

Amendment	Overview	SESEC Considerations
Amendment 1, sponsored by CM Rivera	Formation of an Interdepartmental Team for FEPP Levy Coordination. Establishes an Interdepartmental Team (DEEL, HSD, OSE, and SPR) to improve alignment and coordination of FEPP-funded services.	Support. Formalizing an interdepartmental team could improve coordination across City investments. SESEC encourages meaningful engagement with community-based organizations (CBOs) as implementation partners, not just City departments.
Amendment 2, sponsored by CM Rinck	Add Strategy Goals to Close Opportunity Gaps. Adds explicit strategy goals across all FEPP domains to strengthen the focus on closing opportunity gaps for priority populations.	Support. Explicit opportunity-gap goals strengthen the levy's equity commitments. To ensure this commitment results in meaningful change, SESEC encourages disaggregated data, measurable outcomes, and transparent reporting that tracks progress for Black, Indigenous, students of color, multilingual learners, students with disabilities, and other historically underserved groups.
Amendment 3, sponsored by CM Lin	Reporting on Family Child Care Provider Inclusion in SPP. Requires annual reporting on Family Child Care participation, recruitment, demographics, barriers, and progress, while clarifying Oversight Committee representation.	Support. Increased reporting on Family Child Care inclusion strengthens accountability and transparency. SESEC encourages DEEL to examine racial and geographic disparities in provider participation, identify barriers experienced by providers of color, and ensure families have equitable access to culturally responsive early learning options.
Amendment 4, sponsored by CMs Foster & Hollingsworth	Examining Prioritization for the SPP Voucher Pilot and Funding Food Assistance. Requires a pre-implementation report on the voucher pilot, delays implementation until 2027–2028, and redirects FY2026–2027 funding to weekend and school-break food assistance.	Support with caution. SESEC supports thoughtful implementation and equity analysis but encourages the City to ensure that additional planning does not delay access for families who have historically experienced barriers to early learning opportunities.
Amendment 5, sponsored by CM Rivera	Collaboration Between DEEL and Seattle Public Schools. Requires DEEL to seek feedback from Seattle Public Schools and charter school leadership during development of K–12 investments.	Support with addition. Collaboration with Seattle Public Schools is essential, but equitable investment decisions should also incorporate the voices of families, students, and community organizations with deep relationships in Southeast Seattle. SESEC encourages shared decision-making with communities most impacted by educational disparities.
Amendment 6,	Providing Food Assistance to Low-Income Families.	Mixed considerations. SESEC supports expanding

sponsored by CMs Hollingsworth & Foster	Funds weekend and school-break food vouchers, delays Universal School Meals until 2027–2028, and allows time to assess fiscal and legal risks affecting long-term sustainability.	food assistance for students and families facing food insecurity, but cautions against framing targeted food vouchers as a replacement for Universal School Meals. Universal access remains the strongest equity approach because it reaches all students, reduces administrative barriers, and avoids stigmatizing families who need support. SESEC encourages Council to balance immediate needs with the long-term goal of a sustainable, equitable food access system for young people.
Amendment 7, sponsored by CM Rinck	Allow Restorative Practices Coordinators in Elementary Schools to Be Part-Time. Permits elementary schools to use part-time restorative practices coordinators.	Support with monitoring. Staffing flexibility may support implementation of restorative practices, but SESEC encourages monitoring to ensure part-time structures do not reduce access to restorative supports in schools serving students most impacted by disciplinary inequities. Adequate staffing and resources are critical for equitable implementation.
Amendment 8, sponsored by CM Rinck	Requiring a School Safety Coordination Report. Requires DEEL to report on coordinated school safety investments before contracts are renewed or expanded.	Strong support. A coordinated school safety framework should center racial equity, student belonging, and restorative approaches. SESEC encourages the report to examine disparities in school discipline and safety experiences and prioritize strategies that support students without increasing exclusionary practices.
Amendment 9, sponsored by CM Hollingsworth	College and Career Exposure for K–12 Students. Clarifies that college and career readiness activities include exposure to postsecondary and career pathways.	Support. Expanding college and career exposure helps ensure students have access to opportunities that have historically been unevenly available. SESEC encourages culturally responsive programming, early engagement, and partnerships that reflect the identities, strengths, and aspirations of Southeast Seattle students.
Amendment 10, sponsored by CM Hollingsworth	Culturally Responsive Outreach for Path to Trades. Requires career exploration activities to be culturally responsive and relevant for high school students.	Strong support. Culturally responsive outreach is essential to ensuring equitable access to Path to Trades opportunities. SESEC encourages investment in trusted community partnerships, outreach strategies that reach historically underserved students, and programming that reflects students’ lived experiences and career goals.
Amendment 11, sponsored by CM Rinck	Prioritization for Programs Leading to City Careers. Prioritizes Seattle Promise Pathway services that prepare participants for high-demand pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, and City careers.	Support with recommendation. Prioritizing pathways to City careers creates opportunities for economic mobility. SESEC encourages equitable access through targeted outreach, wraparound supports, mentorship, and partnerships that ensure students from historically excluded communities can successfully enter and advance through career pathways.