

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED  
ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 ANNUAL  
OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,012,182 FOR  
THE “PRE-K 4 SA” PROGRAM, AS ADOPTED BY THE SAN  
ANTONIO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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**WHEREAS**, in August 2012, City Council authorized the creation of the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation for the purposes of developing early childhood literacy and educational programs in accordance with Chapter 379A of the Texas Local Government Code, known as the Better Jobs Act; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2012, San Antonio voters approved a 1/8th of a cent sales tax for the benefit of the Corporation to fund the Pre-K 4 SA Initiative for an initial eight-year period; and

**WHEREAS**, the program is self-supported with the 1/8 cent sales tax approved by voters in 2012 and does not receive any revenue from the City’s General Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Pre-K 4 SA is governed by an eleven-member Board of Directors appointed by City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the program increases the quality of early learning in San Antonio using a four-pronged approach: education centers, professional learning, family engagement, and competitive grants; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, 2,000 children are served directly at the four education centers and the program additionally supports more than 56,000 children through professional learning and competitive grants; and

**WHEREAS**, the program’s business model is to partner with independent school districts to leverage state funding for Pre-K; and

**WHEREAS**, under terms of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Pre-K 4 SA and partner school districts, eligible children who are enrolled at a Pre-K 4 SA Education Center are dually enrolled in their school district; and

**WHEREAS**, in exchange for providing full-day prekindergarten services, Pre-K 4 SA receives the majority of the state funding from the districts; and

**WHEREAS**, independent evaluations demonstrate that San Antonio’s investment in quality early learning has had a positive effect even beyond children enrolled in the four Education Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Pre-K 4 SA closes the gap in kinder readiness and has lasting effects including better attendance, decreased need for special education services, and better 3rd grade math and reading scores; and

**WHEREAS**, a recent cost-benefit study by researchers from Westat, University of Pennsylvania, and Teacher's College at Columbia University calculated that after subtracting the costs of the program, Pre-K 4 SA will have returned over \$59 million in benefits to the San Antonio community in its first eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, HB3, which passed in the 2019 legislative session, provides additional funding to incentivize school districts to offer full-day Pre-K to eligible children; and

**WHEREAS**, however, HB3 does not expand the number of children eligible for public Pre-K and does not require districts to meet quality standards identified by the National Institute for Early Education Research; and

**WHEREAS**, even after the passage of HB3, 40% of San Antonio's 25,000 four-year-olds are not eligible for public Pre-K; and

**WHEREAS**, of those families who are not eligible, between 3,000 and 5,000 of those families are unable to afford high quality Pre-K in the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, in preparation for possible reauthorization, Pre-K 4 SA developed and presented its value proposition to City Council on January 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the value proposition accounted for implementation of HB3 and consisted of the following elements:

- Continue to serve San Antonio's children and families with the greatest educational need at four best-in-class demonstration sites
- Over an 8-year period, create 3,000+ additional free seats annually for children from middle-class families (household incomes between \$45K-\$65K)
- Offer free Professional Learning to strengthen San Antonio's early learning teaching corps
- Support and strengthen families as advocates for their children and increase access to the workforce and higher education through Family Engagement
- Award grants to support quality early learning infrastructure across the city

**WHEREAS**, consistent with the Corporation's Bylaws, the Board of Directors adopted its FY 2021 Annual Operating Budget for the Pre-K 4 SA program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporation's Annual Budget is required to be approved by City Council prior to the start of the new program year on July 1; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council for the City of San Antonio hereby approves the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2021 annual operating budget in the amount of \$42,012,182, as adopted by the Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors on May 19, 2020, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending on June 30, 2021. A copy of the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

**SECTION 2.** The personnel complement set out within **Attachment II** is hereby authorized and approved.

**SECTION 3.** City staff is hereby authorized to take those necessary actions to implement the budget attached hereto and approved by City Council.

**SECTION 4.** The Budget Director is authorized to make budget adjustments to the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2020 budget necessary to reflect internal services and indirect cost assessments originally authorized in the City's FY 2020 adopted budget.

**SECTION 5.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Tina Flores, Acting City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney