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DEPARTMENT: Pre-K 4 SA

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Pre-K 4 SA Year 6 Independent Evaluation Report

SUMMARY:

This item includes a briefing of the Pre-K 4 SA Year 6 Independent Evaluation Report by Westat.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Prior to the 2013-14 school year, the Board of Directors awarded a contract to Edvance Research to conduct an independent evaluation of the program. The contract was approved with an initial five-year term, and one three-year renewal option. Edvance Research went on to produce and release reports for years 1 and 2 of the program, which the organization presented to the Board of Directors in 2014 and 2015. In December 2015, Westat, a leading research organization, acquired Edvance Research. Westat has continued to assess Pre-K 4 SA to fulfill the original contract. Westat completed the independent evaluation report for the 2018-19 school year and will present findings to the Board of Directors. The report includes descriptive study results and outcome

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study results for the following categories.

- Descriptive Study: Program enrollment, child attendance, classroom observations, and parent/guardian survey results
- Outcome Study: Kindergarten readiness, early elementary attendance, and early elementary reading readiness outcomes

Measures are identified with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), Teaching Strategies Gold (GOLD), and district-reported attendance and kindergarten entry assessments.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

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FISCAL IMPACT:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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