



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors

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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 3 Independent Evaluation Report

### **SUMMARY:**

This item includes a briefing of the Pre-K 4 SA Year 3 Independent Evaluation Report by Westat.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Prior to the 2013-14 school year began, 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 2015-16 school year and will present findings to the Board of Directors. The report includes descriptive study results, implementation study results, and outcome study results for the following categories.

- Descriptive Study: Child attendance, family engagement, and classroom observations
- Implementation Study: Integrated curriculum, active learning, varied group settings, appreciation of varied cultures, executive function, teacher preparedness, and support, satisfaction and challenges
- Outcome Study: Kindergarten readiness, differences in readiness outcomes

Measures are identified with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), Pre-K 4 SA Instructional Staff Survey (PK-ISS), Pre-K 4 SA Classroom Observation Method (P-COM), and Teaching Strategies Gold

(GOLD).

**ISSUE:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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