

Proposition C (2014) - Fact Sheet

Background for the Public Education Enrichment Fund:

In 2004, San Francisco voters approved the Public Education Enrichment Fund (PEEF) to provide funding designed to improve the quality of education for San Francisco's children. The funding is split into three equal portions to deliver these services: 1/3 to preschool support (administered by First Five), 1/3 to fund Sports, Libraries, Arts and Music (referred to as SLAM and managed by SFUSD), and 1/3 to Other General Services such as Wellness Centers, Student Support Professionals, Translation and Peer Resources (also managed by SFUSD).

PEEF Results for Pre-School for All (PFA):

City-wide, PEEF has impacted pre-school for thousands of students and their families, including:

- PEEF-funded PFA has helped close the opportunity gap to attend preschool, with 83% of city's four-year olds attending vs. 74% nationwide, with particular gains for African American and Latino students (both groups rising to 80% from 68% and 54%, respectively)
- Since 2005, the program has served a total of 25,000 students with programs now offered at nearly 150 sites.
- Students in PFA programs average 3-4 months ahead of their non-PFA peers in early literacy and math skills with comparable advantages in listening, following directions, focusing and controlling their impulses.
- PFA has guaranteed that any child enrolled who receives state/federal subsidy will never be disqualified from a subsidy. This guarantee has ensured that at least 233 children continued to be enrolled.

PEEF Results for SFUSD:

Within SFUSD, there are several notable impacts to our schools and students, including:

- **Libraries:** Prior to PEEF, 23% of schools were staffed by a teacher librarian; in 2013-14, all schools have a librarian on site at least 2 days per week. The number of SFUSD full-time equivalent credentialed teacher librarians more than tripled since PEEF funding began; lowering the student-to-librarian ratio to 788:1. The statewide ratio is 11 times higher. The number of library books circulated by SFUSD students nearly tripled to reach over one million books.
- **Physical Education classes:** Before PEEF, there were no credentialed PE teachers serving in our elementary schools; by the 2013-14 school year, 28.4 full time equivalent credentialed PE teachers provided instruction (with equipment and support) to K-5 students in 90% of our elementary schools. It is expected that all elementary schools will be served by a physical education teacher by the end of the 2014-15 school year.
- **Sports opportunities:** Since PEEF's inception, the number of athletic paid coaches has increased by 30% who now serve nearly 7000 students playing in 394 teams. In 2013-14, PEEF provided 1646 bus trips to games for athletes as well as security personnel for 448 athletic contests.
- **Arts and Music Classes:** Despite facing other cuts, PEEF funding allowed the district to not only preserve the number of elementary arts teachers, but increase staffing by 50%. The share of middle school students accessing arts classes has increased by 11 percentage points while the share of high school students accessing these courses has held steady.
- **Student Support Professionals:** PEEF has enabled SFUSD to triple the number of social workers and nurses serving grades K-8 in our schools (from 26.6 full time equivalent to 83.1), decreasing the student-to-student support professional ratio from 1,401:1 students to 444:1 students. Notable is that SFUSD enrolled than 1% of all students in California your district employs 18% of all School Social Workers in the state.
- **Wellness Centers:** Since 2007-08, PEEF funding has complemented existing funding from the Department of Children, Youth, and Families to increase the number of Wellness centers by 50% in order to provide access for every high school student in SFUSD.

- **Translation / Interpretation Services:** PEEF has significantly increased these services to provide access for families. The number of events that received interpreting services increased 40-fold (from 34 before PEEF to 1,166 with PEEF funding), tripled the number of documents translated each year (1,489 to 4,706), and added access to other languages including Tagalog, Russian, Vietnamese, Arabic and Samoan.

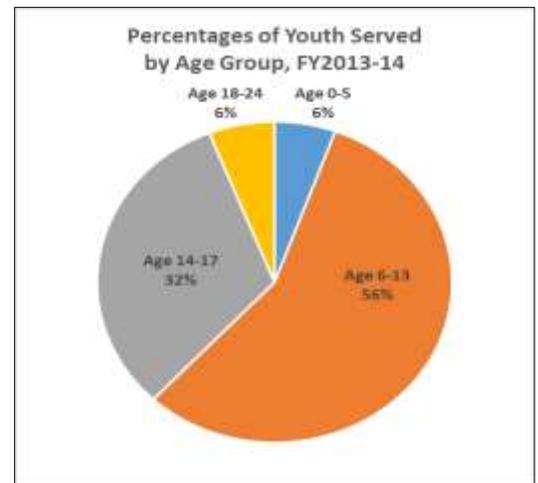
Children’s Fund Background:

San Francisco has a deep and long-standing commitment to families. In 1991, San Francisco became the first city in the country to guarantee funding for children and youth services when voters approved the Children’s Amendment to the City charter. Each year since, the City has set aside a portion of property tax revenues—three cents per one hundred dollars of assessed value—to create what is known as the Children’s Fund. The Department of Children, Youth & Their Families (DCYF) is the City agency responsible for ensuring that Children’s Fund dollars—as well as additional resources allocated from the City’s General Fund and through state and federal grants—are invested for the greatest impact.

Children’s Fund Results:

The Children’s Fund has impacted tens of thousands of children, youth and their families, including:

- **54,319 children, youth, and their families participated in programs and services** funded by the Children's Fund in 2013-14. This reflects an increase of over 10,000 participants since FY2007-08.
- **Quality childcare** made available to over 3,000 children on an annual basis.
- **Afterschool programs** attended by 13,544 elementary and middle school youth in 2013-14.
- **Summer programming** attended by more than 8,080 K-8 children and youth in 2013-14.
- **Paid job placements or internships** for over 7,600 youth through the Summer Jobs + initiative in 2014. Annually over 9,000 teens are connected with skill-building opportunities, paid jobs, and internships to develop real-world skills.
- **School healthcare and counseling services** used by 7,299 teens at high school wellness centers at the City’s 19 public high schools.
- **Neighborhood-based Family Resource Centers** serving 12,032 youth in 2013-14. Annually nearly 10,000 parents and caregivers accessed these neighborhood-based family supports.



Proposition C – Components of the Renewal Measure:

The renewal measure for on the November 4th ballot (Proposition C) will effectively retain and continue the funding for PEEF with some new components:

- 1) The proposition will effectively renew both PEEF and the Children’s Fund
- 2) Funding for all 3 sections of PEEF will grow by the same measure (i.e. inflation is matched to the growth of the city’s discretionary revenue)
- 3) The proposition will no longer have a possible disruption due to fiscal variances (i.e. no possible 25% reduction) nor be reduced due to subtractions for in-kind services.
- 4) Proposition C will extend the life of PEEF and the Children’s Fund for 26 years.
- 5) The allocation of Children’s Fund will increase but there will not be an increase in property tax.
- 6) The Children’s Fund will also serve transitional age youth.