

### **Letter from the CEO**

### Dear City Council and City Manager:

This report covers the third quarter of FY 2019, January 1 through March 31. We are well into the second half of the school year and all four program components—education centers, professional learning, competitive grants, and family engagement—continue to support our work to transform San Antonio's early learning landscape.

Over 120 school and district leaders completed our first early learning leadership series offered by our Professional Learning division. This quarter also marked the first time we had parents participate in professional learning. More than a dozen parents enrolled in our Child Development Associate training. Through this program, the parents learned about their own child's development and gained valuable skills to help them enter the workforce as entry level early learning teachers.

While the weather was cool, our students ventured out to explore San Antonio with their families and teachers. These city explorations became the inspiration for artwork they created in their classrooms with community artists. Those art pieces were displayed at the San Antonio Central Library and were sold through an online auction. The auction generated over \$4,500, with all proceeds going to benefit ChildSafe, the nonprofit of the year selected by the children in a November election. We were excited that our children are learning to give back to the community.

During this quarter, we also launched a new partnership to build a model early learning program at Gardendale Elementary School in Edgewood ISD. Officially known as the Gardendale Pre-K 4 SA Early Learning Program, this partnership will allow Pre-K 4 SA to work side-by-side with Edgewood ISD to replicate the proven approach developed in Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers. New high-quality Pre-K and kindergarten classes will open at Gardendale for the 2019-20 school year.

Finally, this quarter we received our first long-term impact study, which was conducted by Dr. Mike Villarreal at the Urban Education Institute at The University of Texas at San Antonio. The purpose of the study was to evaluate the impact of Pre-K 4 SA on social and academic outcomes over time. I encourage you to read about the study, which is discussed later in this report. The study provides evidence that we are working towards our Big Promise #3: Contribute to San Antonio's economic development by laying a strong foundation of literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development to build a sustainable, educated workforce.

Sincerely,

Sarah Baray, Ph.D.

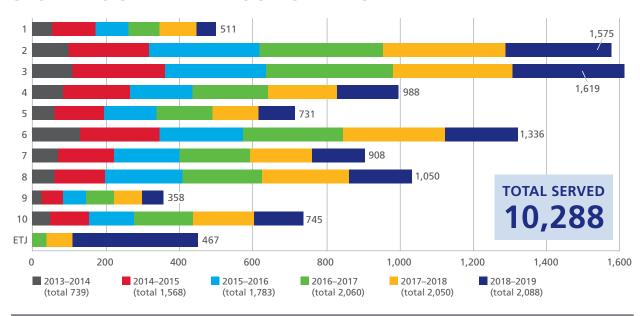
CEO

# VISION: In one generation Pre-K 4 SA will develop a world-class workforce through high-quality early childhood education for all children in San Antonio. TOINISCS

- Develop a best in class, global education for young children to become responsible stewards of their own environment.
- 2 Develop Pre-K 4 SA as the national leader in early learning resources, research, and training.
- Contribute to San Antonio's economic development by laying a strong foundation of literacy, numeracy, and social-emotional development to build a sustainable, educated workforce.
- Catalyze the community to focus on the power and promises of early learning and its potential to elevate family prosperity.
- Fulfill the fiduciary responsibility set forth in the election and maximize its impact on the improvement of early learning citywide.

# Citywide Dashboard

### STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS BY YEAR



COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 TO DATE TOTAL \$ INVESTED: \$3,956,526
TOTAL STUDENTS IMPACTED: 3,416
TOTAL AGENCIES AWARDED: 18

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FY 2019 TO DATE



EDUCATORS IMPACTED 2,638



TRAINING HOURS 23,865



CAMPUSES IMPACTED 188\*



CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES (CDA) IN PROGRESS

**56** 

\*Number reflects partner school districts

WORKFORCE (2018–2019 SCHOOL YEAR)



19

# OF FAMILIES IN EXTENDED DAY PURSUING SCHOOL



**926** 

# OF FAMILIES IN EXTENDED DAY WORKING FULL TIME

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MEETINGS HELD AT PRE-K 4 SA 2017–2018 83 EVENTS 22 ORGANIZATIONS

2018–2019 155 EVENTS 37 ORGANIZATIONS

### District 1 Dashboard STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS 120 100 80 60 40 **TOTAL SERVED** 20 511 54 91 118 83 100 65 0 2013-14 2014–15 2015-16 2016–17 2017-18 2018-19

# COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 TO DATE







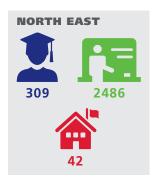


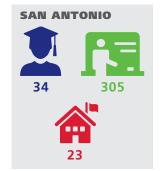


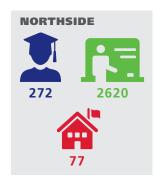












### District 2 Dashboard STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS 400 350 300 250 200 150 100 **TOTAL SERVED** 50 1,575 98 300 220 336 333 288 0 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19

### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE







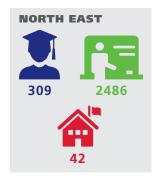


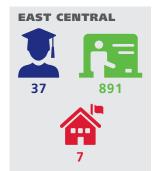


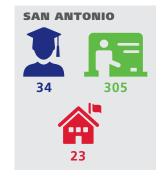






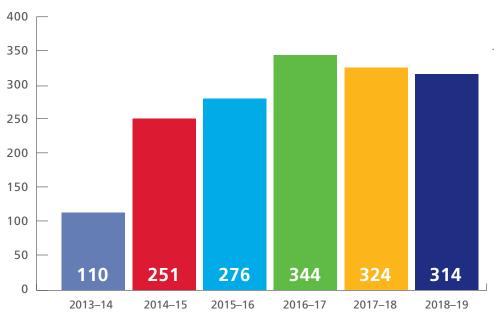


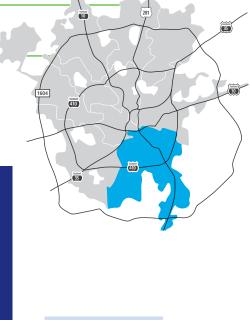




### District 3 Dashboard

### STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS





1,619

# COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 TO DATE











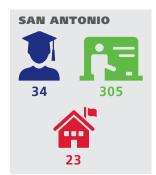


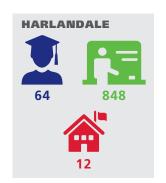


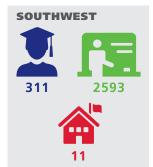






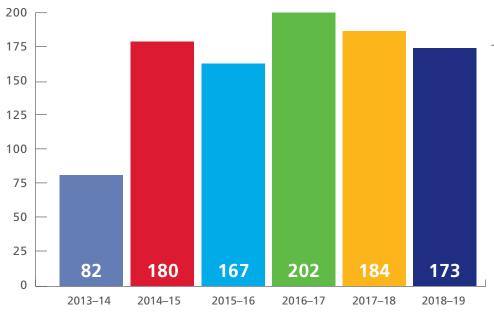


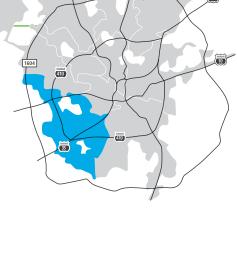




# District 4 Dashboard

### STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS





988

### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE









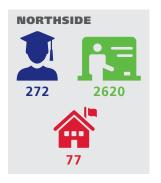


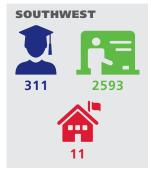


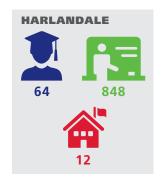














### District 5 Dashboard STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 **TOTAL SERVED** 20 731 116 143 124 61 134 153 0 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19

### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE









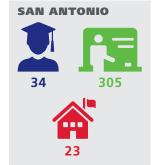


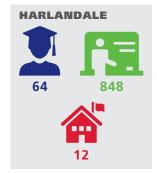












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### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE





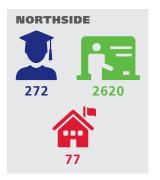








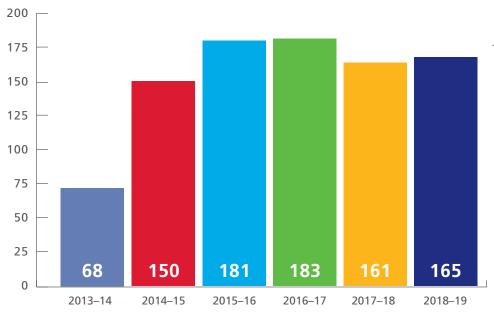


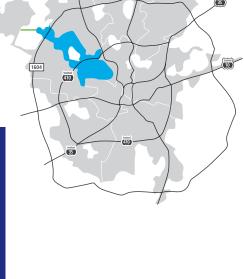




# District 7 Dashboard

### STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS





COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE





**TOTAL SERVED** 

908





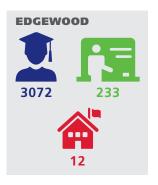


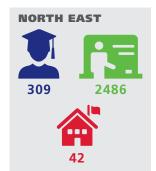


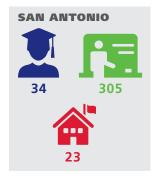


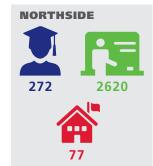




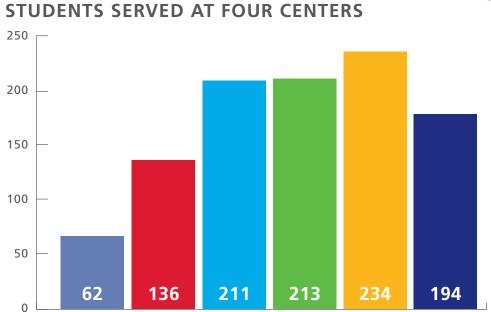








# District 8 Dashboard



2015–16



### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE

2014-15



2018-19

2017-18



1,050





2016-17



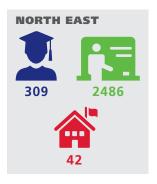
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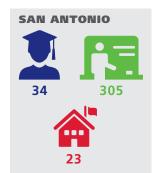
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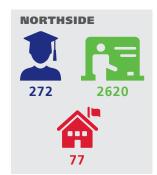












# District 9 Dashboard STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS 100 75

TOTAL SERVED
358

### COMPETITIVE GRANTS INVESTMENT FY 2019 YEAR TO DATE











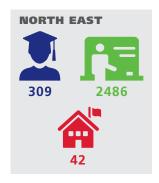
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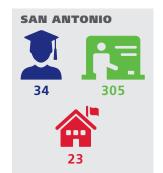
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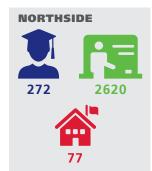












### District 10 Dashboard STUDENTS SERVED AT FOUR CENTERS 175 150 125 100 75 50 **TOTAL SERVED** 25 745 48 123 161 165 142 106 0 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19

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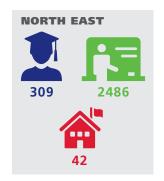




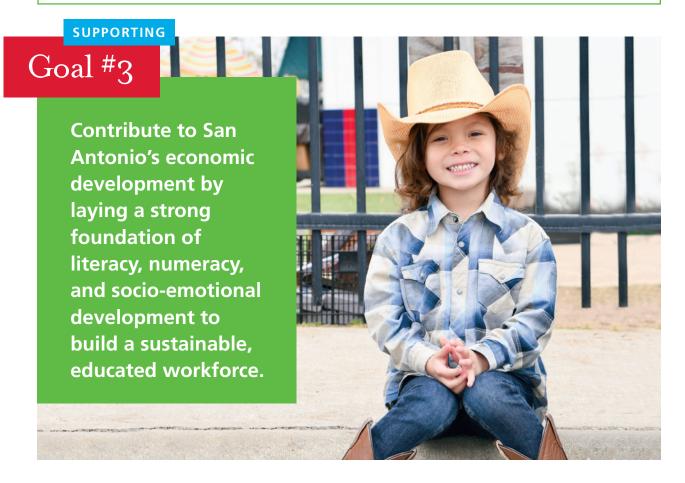








# Strategic Spotlight



After our first five years of operation, we are excited to announce that Pre-K 4 SA has received the results of our first long-term impact study. We partnered with The Urban Education Institute at the University of Texas San Antonio (UTSA) to evaluate the effect of Pre-K 4 SA on long-term social and academic outcomes for young children in San Antonio.

The study was conducted by Dr. Michael Villarreal, Director of the Urban Education Institute in the College of Education and Human Development at UTSA. Dr. Villarreal examined outcomes for the cohort of children who attended Pre-K 4 SA in the first year, 2013–14, in comparison to outcomes for a like group of students who applied to attend Pre-K 4 SA but were not admitted due to lack of space. Positive results were identified in the following areas:

- Academic Outcomes
- Attendance
- Special Education
- Public Pre-K Awareness

### **Academic Outcomes**

Results of the study indicate that across the board attending one of San Antonio's public Pre-K programs improved long-term student outcomes, with participation in Pre-K 4 SA having an even more positive impact.

Math STAAR Scores: In terms of mathematics, children who attended one of the Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers in 2013–2014 exceeded the state average on third-grade math STAAR test scores by 16.9 percent.

**Reading STAAR Scores:** Children who attended one of the Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers in 2013–2014 exceeded the state average by 12.3 percent. The benefit of Pre-K 4 SA was most dramatic for economically disadvantaged students, significantly narrowing the achievement gap.

## Strategic Spotlight



### **Attendance**

The study also suggests that students who participated in prekindergarten had better attendance from kindergarten to third-grade than peers who did not attend Pre-K. Better attendance resulted in six weeks more of instruction for students who attended public Pre-K and over seven weeks more for students who attended a Pre-K 4 SA Education Center. This increased attendance was estimated to have generated an additional \$23.2 million dollars over five years for San Antonio area school districts.

\$23.2m

Generated for school districts by increased attendance.

### **Special Education**

One of the areas where prekindergarten had the most pronounced impact was on the placement of children in special education. Students who attended Pre-K 4 SA or a public prekindergarten were two-thirds less likely to be placed into a special education program during the early elementary school years. This impact not only saves school districts money, but most importantly, avoids the well-documented negative impacts when children are unnecessarily placed into special education.

### **Public Pre-K Awareness**

Pre-K 4 SA was also found to have contributed to a surge in prekindergarten enrollment from 2002 to 2018. In the school year following the Pre-K 4 SA



election in 2013, the number of public school students who participated in public Pre-K increased by 9.07 percent. Other urban areas in Texas saw a decline in prekindergarten enrollment during the same time period.

9.07%

Increase on public school students who participated in Pre-K

Currently, the Texas State Legislature has introduced legislation to expand funding for full-day Pre-K. However, San Antonio school districts are not waiting on the legislature. Our superintendents and school boards understand the importance of early learning and are opting to offer full-day pre-K programs even before funding is secured. We are excited to see how the importance of early childhood learning is continuously expanding within our city and beyond.

The results of the initial impact study demonstrate that Pre-K 4 SA is contributing to San Antonio's economic development by laying a strong foundation of literacy, numeracy, and socio-emotional development to build a sustainable, educated workforce. Our first five years prove that our mission, vision and big promises are being fulfilled. We will continue to work in partnership with schools and child development centers to ensure all 25,000 of San Antonio's four-year-olds have access to a high-quality education.

# Promoting Quality Throughout San Antonio

# NIEER 15 Essential Elements for High-Quality Preschool

### **ENABLING ENVIRONMENT**

- 1 Political will, including support from political leadership
- 2 A compelling vision and strong leadership from early learning leaders

### RIGOROUS, ARTICULATED, EARLY LEARNING POLICIES

- 3 Well-educated and well-compensated teachers
- 4 Adult-child ratio of at least 1:11
- 5 At least a full school day
- 6 Two or more adult teaching staff in each classroom
- 7 Appropriate early learning standards for preschoolers
- 8 Effective curriculum that has systemic support
- 9 Strong supports for education of special needs children in inclusive settings
- 10 Strong supports for dual language learners

#### STRONG PROGRAM PRACTICES

- 11 High-quality teaching
- 12 Child assessments that are appropriate and used to inform instruction
- 13 Data driven decision-making and independent evaluation
- 14 Professional development (PD) to improve individual teacher performance
- 15 Integrated system of standards, curriculum, assessment, PD, and evaluation

# Promoting Quality Throughout San Antonio

Pre-K 4 SA supports child development centers in San Antonio through our competitive grants program and professional learning division. In particular, we have provided support in two key areas: outdoor learning environments and certification of quality.

### **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Though most child development centers have outdoor spaces, they are not always structured for learning. Pre-K 4 SA is committed to supporting children in developing physical and cognitive skills as well as an appreciation for nature through outdoor learning. Each Pre-K 4 SA Education Center has strategically designed outdoor learning spaces that are arranged to provide children with opportunities to interact with natural, open-ended materials-that are arranged to reflect the five interest areas of the indoor classroom (House, Block, Toy, Art and Book Areas). Children at Pre-K 4 SA spend an hour or more in the outdoor learning environments each day. Through our competitive grants and professional learning, Pre-K 4 SA is helping child development centers create outdoor learning environments that allow children to engage with nature and develop a sense of wonder about the world around them. Our partner child development centers are not only curating their outdoor spaces, their teachers are also attending workshops and coaching sessions to learn how to support children's learning in the outdoor spaces.

Below is a list of featured child development centers building out their outdoor learning environments.

- Humble Creek Ranch
- La Petite Emerald Glade
- Northwood Presbyterian Day School
- University Presbyterian
- St. Philip's College Child Development Center



# Promoting Quality Throughout San Antonio

### **QUALITY RATING SYSTEMS**

Bexar County has over 500 licensed child care centers and 89% of them are not rated for quality. This means that families have no way of knowing the quality of care for the vast majority of childcare centers in our community. Pre-K 4 SA is committed to increasing the number of childcare centers that participate in the quality rating system and help those already rated to maintain a high level of quality. This year, Pre-K 4 SA is providing training and technical support to child development centers that are working toward quality certification or accreditations through Texas Rising Star (TRS), the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA), or the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). For childcare centers that already have a quality rating, we developed a leadership cohort for childcare center directors to help them maintain high levels of quality and better support their teachers.

Below are child development centers who are focusing on improving and maintaining high quality through accreditation and professional development.

- Humble Creek Ranch (Seeking TRS rating)
- La Petite Emerald Glade (NECPA accredited, Texas Rising Star 4-star certification, participated in Pre-K 4 SA leadership cohort)
- KinderCare Guilbeau (NECPA accredited, Texas Rising Star 4-star certification, participated in Pre-K 4 SA leadership cohort).
- Northwood Presbyterian Day School (Seeking TRS rating, teachers participated in Pre-K 4 SA professional learning)
- KinderCare Nacogdoches (Reaccredited with NAEYC, Texas Rising Star 4-star certification)
- University Presbyterian (NAEYC accredited, teachers and director participated in teacher Pre-K 4 SA professional learning)
- St. Phillip's College Child Development Center (NAEYC accredited, teachers and directors participated in Pre-K 4 SA professional learning)



## Financial Update

- The Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors and City Council approved an FY 2019 Annual Operating Budget totaling \$47,305,297.
- The budget was adopted by the Board of Directors and approved by the City Council in April and May of 2018.
- The Pre-K 4 SA Board of Directors approved the FY 2019 Mid-Year Estimate of \$46,740,058 in February 2019.
- All financial data reported is from the City's Financial Management System. This is an unaudited financial report.
- Q3 saw a positive variance in both revenues and expenditures as illustrated below.

#### **REVENUES**

- Revenue from sales tax, state funding and other sources totaled \$11,497,616. See Table 1.1 for Q3 revenue by source.
- Compared with the Q3 plan of \$11,121,698 Pre-K 4 SA experienced a positive variance of \$375,918.

Table 1.1 FY 2019 Q	3 Revenue by	Source
Source	FY 2019 Q3 Revenue	% of Total
1) Sales Tax	\$9,447,182	83%
2) Pre-K State Funding (ISDs)	1,306,450	11%
3) Food Program Reimbursement	2391,891	3%
4) Sliding Scale Tuition	208,924	2%
5) Interest and Other Revenues	143,969	1%
Total	\$11,497,616	100%

- **1) Sales Tax:** When compared with the Q3 forecast of \$9,098,653, Pre-K 4 SA experienced a positive variance of \$348,529 for sales tax. Q3 sales tax resulted in a 5.3% increase over the same period of FY 2018. The 3 month forecast was 1.5% leading to this positive variance.
- **2) Pre-K State Funding:** State funding is comprised of revenue earned from the state of Texas by participating independent school districts, in compensation for ISD/ Pre-K 4 SA students, and then "passed through" to Pre-K 4 SA quarterly. The total compensation reflects attendance rates for eligible students enrolled over a period of instructional days. Eligible students from participating ISDs meet criteria outlined by the Texas Education Agency.

Total Revenue: \$1,306,450Students Enrolled: 1,452Instructional Days: 53

- **3) Sliding Scale Tuition:** The Pre-K 4 SA population is comprised of 1,452 or 77% students eligible for services at no cost. Scholarship students, who meet TEA criteria, but reside in a non-participating ISD, pay a tuition fee of 1% of annual earned income, and comprise 7% of the population. Tuition students, who do not meet state eligibility criteria, pay tuition ranging from 2–4% of annual earned income and comprise 16% of the student population.
- Total Revenue: \$208,924
- **4) Food Program Reimbursement**: Pre-K 4 SA continues to receive funding from the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) grant awarded for October 2015 through September 2016 and renewed though September 30, 2019. This grant reimburses the program for serving breakfast, lunch and snack per day to students. The totals below reflect September and October 2018 activity only as meal counts are collected and submitted for reimbursement in arrears.
  - Total Revenue: \$391,891
  - Avg. Students Served per Month: 1,947
  - Instructional Days: 50
  - Total Meals Served: 260,112
  - Avg. Free or Reduced Eligible Students Served per Month: 1,397
  - Variance Impact: Positive variance of \$4,002 (1%) due to having served more meals than estimated as part of the program.
- **5) Interest and Other Revenues:** Other revenues are comprised of Tuition and Extended Day late fees, concession contracts, allowance of doubtful accounts receivable and other contributions.
  - Total Revenue: \$143,969
  - Variance Impact: A positive variance of \$11,387 due to higher than anticipated interest earnings as well as additional late fees and refunds received in the third quarter.

# Financial Update

### **EXPENDITURES**

TABLE 1.2 FY 2019 Q3	Program Area	FY 2019 Q3 Expenditures	% of Total
EXPENDITURES BY	1) Pre-K 4 SA Education Center Services	\$6,145,852	53%
PROGRAM AREA	2) Facilities Leases and Maintenance	\$2,528,603	22%
	3) Competitive Grants	\$789,100	7%
Expenditures totaled	4) Professional Learning	\$444,872	4%
\$11,569,543. See Table	5) Public Relations/Marketing	\$412,017	3%
1.2 for Q3 expenditures	6) Administration	\$376,612	3%
by program area.	7) Transportation Services	\$222,015	2%
	8) Transfers	\$216,613	2%
	9) Sales Tax Collection Fee	\$187,814	2%
	10) Program Assessment	\$153,518	1%
	11) Enrollment/Attendance Services	\$92,527	1%
	Total	\$11,569,543	100%

When compared with the Q3 plan of \$11,844,743, Pre-K experienced a \$275,200 positive variance. The variance is explained for the following program areas.

**Pre-K 4 SA Education Center Services:** A positive variance of \$209,629 is due to various vacancies across the Centers as well as delays in purchases for office and classroom supplies anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter.

**Facilities, Leases & Maintenance:** A positive variance of \$47,992 is due to vacancies in custodial positions as well as delays in the purchase of computer equipment and replacement equipment for the facilities now anticipated to be completed in the fourth quarter.

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