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**Pre-K 4 SA enters partnership with South San ISD**

*Entering last year prior to reauthorization, partners see program benefits*

**SAN ANTONIO** — Pre-K 4 SA and South San Antonio Independent School District (South San ISD) have joined forces to create the eighth partnership with area school districts.

Pre-K 4 SA receives applications from approximately 80 South San ISD families a year on average, and enrolls 25. During Pre-K 4 SA open enrollment, the number of students that would be allocated for South San ISD is between 70-75 families, based on the 2018-19 enrollment numbers.

South San ISD began partnership discussions with Pre-K 4 SA in February, and proceeded to board approvals in June. South San ISD prekindergarten students would attend the Pre-K 4 SA South Education Center. The South Education Center currently has openings, and this partnership makes those spaces available to South San ISD families with eligible 4-year-olds.

“This partnership as an excellent opportunity to increase options for high-quality early childhood education for families in our south side community,” Pre-K 4 SA CEO Sarah Baray said. “Partnering with South San ISD builds on Pre-K 4 SA’s work to strengthen San Antonio’s early learning landscape as we head into the final school year before reauthorization. It is also encouraging that our fellow educators see the value that our Grants and Professional Learning Programs bring to our community to continually improve the quality of early learning for the our city’s children.”

Pre-K 4 SA has an appointed board and South San ISD has an elected board. Both are subject to regulation under the Texas Education and Government Codes. The partnership was approved at the June Pre-K 4 SA and South San ISD board meetings.

South San ISD students are eligible to enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. Interested families can learn more about enrolling their student by visiting [prek4sa.com](http://prek4sa.com) or calling the Enrollment Hotline at (210) 206-PREK.

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**About Pre-K 4 SA:**

Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the education and workforce trajectory of San Antonio in one generation. Pre-K 4 SA offers full-day pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds living in the City of San Antonio. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students and also accepts tuition-paying students. The school day begins at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Extended hours are available at no additional charge from 7:15 to 8 a.m., and from 3 to 6 p.m. for working families. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included and free transportation is available to all students. Pre-K 4 SA has four Education Centers located throughout the city: North Education Center, 3635 Medical Dr.; South Education Center, 7031 S. New Braunfels Ave.; East Education Center, 5230 Eisenhower Rd.; and West Education Center, 1235 Enrique M. Barrera Memorial Parkway. The Gardendale Early Learning Program powered by Pre-K 4 SA is the first replication site and was

made possible through a partnership with Edgewood Independent School District. This program creates greater capacity for high-quality early education with both pre-k and kindergarten classrooms. The Pre-K 4 SA Professional Learning program provides pre-kindergarten through third grade educators in San Antonio with complementary continuing education to support best practice instruction to help every child in San Antonio excel. The Pre-K 4 SA Competitive Grants program provides more than \$4 million in funding annually to increase quality and access in early childhood programs throughout San Antonio. Visit [www.prek4sa.com](http://www.prek4sa.com) for more information.