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Pre-K 4 SA Reauthorized by San Antonio Voters for Another Eight Years

Proposition A passes with 73.2% of vote; reaffirms success and commitment to early learning for San Antonio's future

SAN ANTONIO — The citizens of San Antonio overwhelmingly approved the reauthorization to continue funding [Pre-K 4 SA](#) for another eight years. City officials and Pre-K 4 SA leaders believe this is a vote of confidence and investment in the children, people and future of San Antonio.

"Last night the citizens of San Antonio reaffirmed their commitment to high-quality early learning for all 4-year-olds. This is not just an investment in our youngest learners but also an investment in our city and our future," said Pre-K 4 SA CEO Sarah Baray. "On behalf of the entire Pre-K 4 SA organization, I want to say thank you for this vote of confidence. This vote allows us to continue making good on the promise of high-quality early learning and all of its benefits for children, families and our community."

In 2012, Pre-K 4 SA was authorized when the citizens approved a 1/8th cent sales tax for the city to undertake the development of a Pre-K program. In the past eight years, [Pre-K 4 SA has impacted more than 450,000 children](#) by:

- Educating more than 12,000 children in its [four model education centers](#), including its [first replication site](#) at Gardendale Elementary School;
- Reaching more than 13,000 additional children through the \$21 million awarded in [competitive grants](#);
- Providing more than 20,000 hours of free [professional learning](#) each year, which benefitted over 21,000 educators and 426,000 children;
- And conducting more than 10,000 interactions with San Antonio's families through its [family engagement program](#).

"While our results indicated improved STAAR test scores, better attendance, increased awareness for early learning and a return on investment for San Antonio, there is still work to do," said Baray. "We want to increase access to high-quality early learning for the middle class, and increase funding with House Bill 3 in the upcoming legislative session. And we want to look at the possibility of additional replication sites with our partners to expand early childhood education from birth to eight years of age."

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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 for more information.