

City of Saint Paul 3K Blueprint Project

Convened by Saint Paul Children's Collaborative, 2017

Why 3K Matters

- Quality early childhood education has proven ROI
- Helps eliminate opportunity gaps, decrease poverty and provides economic boost to families
- Saint Paul children are not all ready for K
- Current public support does not meet the need: 950 children on waiting lists
- Minnesota is 5th most expensive state for child care
- Strong families build strong communities

The Role of the City

- Many local jurisdictions are not waiting for the state or federal government to act
- Cities are investing in children, families and communities with quality preschool for all -
 - Boston, Denver, Los Angeles, New York City, Salt Lake, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle, Washington DC, West Sacramento and even Dayton, Ohio
- Broader benefits of economic vitality and attracting and retaining families

Background

- In April of 2017, Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board directed Collaborative staff to prepare a blueprint for city-wide preschool for 3- and 4-year olds in Saint Paul
- 10 Workgroup meetings
- 3 Advisory Committee meetings
- Saint Paul Children's Collaborative Board accepted the blueprint in October

3K Mission & Vision

MISSION: Saint Paul 3K will provide equitable access to affordable, high-quality preschool for all three- and four-year-olds in Saint Paul.

VISION: All children in Saint Paul are ready for kindergarten.

How Many Children in Saint Paul?

- One age cohort (3's or 4's) = 4,500 children
- Below 100% FPG = 1,395 children per cohort
- Below 185% FPG = 2,475 children per cohort
- Below 500% FPG = 3,825 children per cohort

4 Core Elements of 3K

1. Family and Community Friendly
2. Rooted in Equity
3. Committed to Quality
4. Built on a Foundation of Accountability

Potential Revenue Sources (Annual)

- Saint Paul Sales Tax = \$18M for every .5% increase
- Additional Tax Options
 - Entertainment = \$4.5M
 - Food = \$3.8M
 - Liquor = \$1.6M
 - TOTAL = \$10M

Next Steps

- Financial modeling of various versions of targeting and benefits as well as parent contribution fee scale
- Move from Blueprint to Implementation Plan

Additional Information:

- All meeting materials, background research and reading materials are available on our [Google Drive](#)
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