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Ingrid Mezquita
Executive Director

OECE Citizens Advisory Committee June 9, 2020 2:00 - 4:00 pm Virtual Convening **Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Yohana Quiroz, Pat Sullivan, Meenoo Yashar, Fonda Davidson, Lygia Stebbing, Jerry Yang

Members Absent: None

I. Call to Order, Agenda Review, Zoom Norm-Setting

- A. Chair Quiroz welcomed attendees, called the meeting to order, reviewed the agenda, and discussed zoom etiquette and norms.

II. OECE Position on Protests and the Loss of George Floyd

- A. Chair Quiroz read a statement from the incoming Board President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) acknowledging the violence and trauma communities of color face not only at the hands of police but also at the hands of educational institutions. NAEYC called on allies to condemn structural and institutional racism and to recognize personal explicit and implicit biases.
- B. Director Mezquita shared how the City has responded including Mayor Breed's support for protesters and participation in peaceful protest. The San Francisco Human Rights Commission published a powerful statement, which OECE fully supports and amplified via our social media channels. Director Mezquita acknowledged the COVID-19 pandemic is not the only crisis we are facing, but that racism is also a public health crisis killing black, brown, and indigenous communities.
- C. CAC Member Sullivan commented that the ECE community must recognize the different ways black children must exist and move through the world. She acknowledged other children of color also experience racism and discrimination, however, outcomes for black children are significantly lower than other children of color. She argued that we should not be afraid to say "Black Lives Matter" and in addition, we should not be afraid to single out support for black children in particular rather than always lumping them in with other children of color.

Programs designed to support all children of color simply are not reaching black children, who according to the data, are suffering most.

III. Revised Budget Presentation

- A. Director Mezquita shared that in response to a \$1.7 billion City Budget deficit created by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Breed directed all City Departments to develop revised budget proposals for FY 20-21 which reduces General Fund spending by 10%. Although the California state budget is not yet finalized, OECE expects significant reductions from state revenue sources. With this context in mind, Director Mezquita presented OECE's revised budget proposal (*see attachment 1*).

IV. Budget Discussion

- A. In order to allow for deeper discussion and public feedback within the zoom format, Chair Quiroz broke members of the CAC and members of the public into three zoom break-out rooms facilitated by Chair Quiroz, Vice Chair Yang, and Director Mezquita respectively. Each group had 30 minutes to discuss questions, comments, and feedback in response to Director Mezquita's revised budget presentation.
- B. Group facilitators reported out on key questions, comments, and feedback that emerged in their group discussions:
 - i. What happened to Prop C? How is that going to affect budget planning? Might Prop C funding be able to help mitigate impacts of other revenue losses?
 - ii. How will programs keep enrollment whole given social distancing? Programs need instructions about how to prioritize enrollment that keeps the school readiness and racial equity lenses in mind.
 - iii. Programs need mental health supports in this time now more than ever. Will the mental health budget remain whole?
 - iv. Mixed feelings about rethinking the coaching, consultant, and TA supports for FCCs. Programs do not want to lose the aspects of the system that are working but also see an opportunity to adjust those aspects that have not been working.
 - v. Given cuts to FCCQN, perhaps OECE and First 5 could provide leadership to support more peer-learning communities and sharing of best practices.
 - vi. How do we support families who are taking on the primary early educator role during the pandemic to provide quality early learning experiences at home?
 - vii. OECE needs to prioritize supports to the workforce as much as possible given all the additional challenges educators are facing due to the pandemic.
 - viii. Might the City consider reallocating SFPD funds to early care and education?

- ix. Appreciation for the decision to keep the enrollment budget whole as well as the recommitment to school readiness.
- C. In response to questions about how programs will be able to keep enrollment whole, Director Mezquita explained that OECE is exploring the feasibility of creating Maximum Reimbursement Amount (MRA) agreements based on previous year reimbursement amounts for Centers. For FCCs, the MRA model might not work as well because most FCCs have a mixed-payment model with a wide variety of subsidy types and private pay families.. Director Mezquita called on the FCC community to join upcoming roundtable meetings to help OECE determine the best way to support them through the coming year of funding given public health requirements.
 - i. A member of the public commented her appreciation for the support OECE and First 5 have been providing to FCCs during this challenging time and was looking forward to coming together to find a solution.

V. Closing

- A. Chair Quiroz thanked members of the OECE and First 5 staff and all the members of the public for attending the CAC meeting and maintaining a sense of positivity and solidarity in the midst of difficult budget discussions.
- B. Meeting Adjourned at 3:58pm.

Next scheduled meeting: July 16, 2020, 4pm-6pm.

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Attachments:

I. OECE Revised Budget Presentation

Attachment I: OECE Revised Budget Presentation



San Francisco Office
of Early Care & Education

FY20-21 & FY21-22 (REVISED) Budgets



**S.F. Office of Early care and Education
Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
June 9, 2020**



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Updated Mayor's FY20-21 & FY21-22 Budget Projections

COVID-19 Economic Impacts Drastically Affected City Revenues (Sources)

	FY19-20	FY20-21	FY21-22
Sources			
General fund sources		(487)	(306)
Public health revenues		(132)	(32)
Other		(31)	150
		(650)	(188)
Uses			
Baselines & reserves		93	21
Salaries & benefits		(125)	(307)
Citywide operating costs		(66)	(162)
Department costs		(6)	(100)
		(104)	(547)
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Projected shortfall	(246)	(754)	(735)
			<i>Through FY21-22</i>
			(1,735)

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Mayor's Budget Instructions

- Mandatory budget reductions to help close the deficit
 - Required reduction of General Fund support
 - Equivalent to 10% of adjusted GFS in FY 20-21
 - Growing to 15% in in FY 21-22 (an additional 5%)
 - Additional 5% in second year – contingency in FY 20-21 if fiscal conditions worsen
- Seek Reductions through:
 - Contract savings –reduce or cancel underperforming contracts, services that do not conform to physical distancing, or those supporting non-essential activities
 - For necessary contracts, consider re-bidding at reduced rates
 - Reduction of personnel costs - including elimination of vacant positions, attrition savings, or project suspensions
 - Streamlining operations and consolidation
 - New revenue options

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State Budget Context-Governor May Revise

- Cancel plans for 20,000 new preschool seats this year/next -\$159.4 million
- 10% reduction in the daily reimbursement rate for preschool - \$162 million
- 10% cut to the childcare subsidy reimbursement rate - \$223.8 million
- Cancel state preschool alignment with demand -\$130 million
- A loss of \$363 million in state money and \$45 million in federal grant funds from the 2019 budget for childcare workforce infrastructure
- No \$35.9 million intended for CalWORKs recipients' childcare needs

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Assembly Budget FY 20-21

- Holds every LEA at least harmless at their 19-20 funding levels, and provides a state-level COLA to LCFF.
- Prioritizes learning loss mitigation for low-income students in all schools, including nutrition and student supports.
- Restores key categorical programs, including after-school, Career Tech, and Adult Education.
- Ensures no children are cut from existing care programs, protects child care funding rates, and increases child care access for essential workers.

S.F. OECE - BUDGET REALITY

Combined state and local revenue losses, budgetary reductions over the next two years:

- The California Department of Education may impact county allocation (est.) of \$7 million if there are rate and/or enrollment reductions;
- One time ERAF funds were decreased for child care/teacher stipends and facilities - \$5.5 million
- Public Education Enrichment Fund revenue decreases of \$7 million in FY 20, 21 (TBD FY 22).



SHARED VISION and STANCE

**YOU CANNOT
UNEDUCATE THE
PERSON WHO HAS
LEARNED TO READ**

CESAR CHAVEZ

VISION

**Close the school
readiness gap for
children furthest
from opportunity.**

STANCE

**We place children's
needs at the
forefront and those
of their families first
and foremost.**

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Making a strategic shift from spending to investing in school readiness priorities.
- Using the diverse talents and knowledge of people across the ECE field to help evaluate services, make recommendations for improvements and implement solutions.
- Seek efficiencies in program initiatives through shared accountability, critical to the success and effectiveness across the ECE system in SF, by thoroughly examining every opportunity to improve needed services.



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BUDGET PRIORITIES

- Keep enrollment whole.
- Sustain quality early education programming to be readily accessible for children needing on-site instructional support.
- Ensure children, their families, and educators have access to social connections while maintaining health and emotional wellness.



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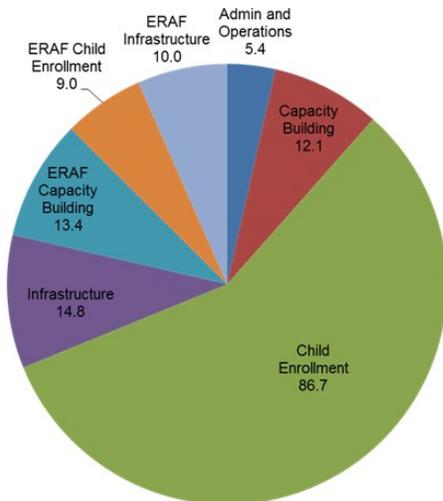
PRIORITIZING INVESTMENTS

- **Maintain \$85-88 million enrollment baseline funding**
- Not fill vacant positions at OECE; reduce administrative and operational costs by F5/OECE co-sharing office/training space.
- Create efficiencies in training and technical assistance supports for distance learning for professionals; on-site targeted coaching supports.
- Non-direct child supports – 10% across reductions due to Public Health Order with some grants eliminated.

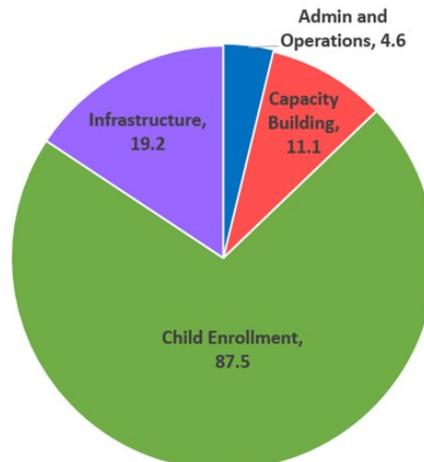


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**OECE FY19/20 Original
(151.4 Million)**



**OECE FY20/21 June Proposal
(122.3 Million)***



* Not finalized, State funding & some work orders still being determined.

FY20-21 & FY21-22 Budget Timeline

- May 18 Mayor’s Budget Instructions Released
- June 9 CAC meeting
- June 12 Agency Revised Budget due to Mayor
- Mid July Mayor submits budget to Board of Supervisors (BOS)
- August BOS Budget Committee Hearings
- Sept. Budget Considered at BOS
- Oct. 1 Mayor signs revised City Budget