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ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE CITY
COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE PRE-K 4 SA FY 2026 BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,522,244.00, AND THE PERSONNEL COMPLEMENT AS ADOPTED BY THE SAN ANTONIO EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MAY 21, 2025

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WHEREAS, in August 2012, City Council authorized the creation of the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation for the purposes of increasing literacy through high quality early childhood education in accordance with Chapter 379A of the Texas Local Government Code, known as the Better Jobs Act; and

WHEREAS, in November 2012, San Antonio voters approved a 1/8th of a cent sales tax for the benefit of the Corporation to fund the Pre-K 4 SA Initiative for an initial eight-year period; and

WHEREAS, in November 2020, voters approved a reauthorization of the 1/8th of a cent sales tax for an additional eight-year period, funding the program through 2029; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA is governed by an eleven-member Board of Directors serving two-year staggered terms and appointed by the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive initiative designed to improve access to high-quality early childhood education through: 1) model Education Centers serving 2,000 children annually; 2) family outreach and engagement; 3) professional learning for early childhood educators; and 4) grants to improve the quality of early learning and care in public, private, and parochial schools and child care providers across San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers meet national standards for high quality early childhood education and serve as demonstration sites to assist other early learning programs to improve quality; and

WHEREAS, the Education Centers also serve as incubators of innovation to test new ideas that are shared with early learning programs across the city; and

WHEREAS, the four Education Centers will approximately a total of 2,000 children during the 2025-26 school year; and

WHEREAS, the four Pre-K 4 SA Education Centers, located in the North, South, East and West quadrants of San Antonio, serve 500 students each in a full-day program with free extended hour learning for working families; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA also operates the Gardendale Early Learning Program in partnership with Edgewood ISD and serving children in pre-k through second grade; and

WHEREAS, Pre-K 4 SA classrooms are staffed with certified teachers and credentialed assistant teachers who have specialized training in early education; and

WHEREAS, independent evaluations demonstrate that San Antonio's investment in high quality early learning has long lasting benefits; and

WHEREAS, the program increases kindergarten readiness and leads to higher attendance rates, decreased need for special education services, and better 3rd grade math and reading scores; and

WHEREAS, a 2019 study estimated that Pre-K 4 SA returned \$59 million dollars in benefits to San Antonio in the first eight years of operation (Source: 2019 cost-benefit study, Westat, University of Pennsylvania, and Teacher's College at Columbia University); and

WHEREAS, by design, Pre-K 4 SA also increases access to high-quality early learning by supporting other early learning programs through grants and professional learning; and

WHEREAS, during the May 8 "A" Session, City Council was provided with a programmatic update and informational briefing on the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2026 Annual Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2026 Annual Budget was adopted by the San Antonio Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on May 21, 2025; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Council for the City of San Antonio hereby approves the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2026 annual operating budget in the amount of \$60,522,244.00, as adopted by the San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Board of Directors on May 21, 2025, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending on June 30, 2026. A copy of the proposed summary budget is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as **Attachment I**.

SECTION 2. The personnel complement set out within **Attachment II** is hereby authorized and approved.

SECTION 3. City staff is hereby authorized to take those necessary actions to implement the budget attached hereto and approved by City Council.

SECTION 4. The City's Office of Management and Budget Director is authorized to make budget adjustments to the Pre-K 4 SA FY 2025 budget necessary to reflect internal services and indirect cost assessments originally authorized in the City's FY 2025 adopted budget.

SECTION 5. The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, City of San Antonio. The Deputy Chief Financial Officer may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee, correct allocations to specific Cost Centers, WBS Elements, Internal Orders, General Ledger Accounts, and Fund Numbers as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2025.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney