



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** San Antonio Early Childhood Education Municipal Development Corporation Meeting

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**DEPARTMENT:** Pre-K 4 SA

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Dr. Sarah Baray

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

**SUBJECT:**

Pre-K 4 SA Year 9 Independent Evaluation Report

**SUMMARY:**

This item includes a briefing of the Pre-K 4 SA Year 9 Independent Evaluation Report by Westat.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Prior to the 2013-14 school year, the Board of Directors awarded a contract to Edvance Research to conduct an independent evaluation of the program. The contract was approved with an initial five-year term, and one three-year renewal option. Edvance Research went on to produce and release reports for years 1 and 2 of the program, which the organization presented to the Board of Directors in 2014 and 2015. In December 2015, Westat, a leading research organization, acquired Edvance Research. In November 2021, the Board approved an amendment to the Westat independent evaluation contract, extending the term of the contract to November 30, 2024, with

two one-year renewal options. Westat has continued to assess Pre-K 4 SA to fulfill the original contract. Westat completed the independent evaluation report for the 2021-2022 school year and will present findings to the Board of Directors. The report includes descriptive study results and outcome study results for Pre-K 4 SA Centers for the following categories.

- Descriptive Study: Program enrollment, child attendance, classroom observations, and early literacy and numeracy
- Outcome Study: Kindergarten readiness

Measures are identified with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), Teaching Strategies Gold (GOLD), and Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Fourth Edition and Bateria III.

Outcomes for the Gardendale Early Learning Program are still under review and will be presented to the Board at the next available opportunity.

**ISSUE:**

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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