K-3 Class size Reduction and Preschool and Full-day Kindergarten Expansion:
Capital Facility Needs for Classrooms

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Why are we having this discussion?

- There is an overwhelming public and Legislative interest to:
  .. Expand full-day kindergarten,
  .. Reduce K-3 class-sizes, and
  .. Substantially expand Washington’s pre-school program (ECEAP)

  However, while operating funds for these purposes are being included in Legislative budgets, capital funds and facilities must be built for additional classrooms if these worthy goals to be realized.

- In addition, school districts constructing these early learning classrooms are required to meet a substantial number of requirements from multiple governmental jurisdictions
Current Status:
Pre-K Classrooms in Schools Districts

• Types of programs
  • Special Education (age 3-5) classrooms
  • Separate ECEAP and Head Start classrooms
  • Blended classrooms with ECEAP/Head Start, Title I, levy, and/or parent tuition
  • Child Care programs (e.g., Parenting Teens, other)

• Facilities
  • In-school classrooms/portables
  • Separate Early Learning Centers
    • Only pre-K
    • Only K and/or lower grades
    • Have both

• 45% of ECEAP classrooms are in school district facilities
• More than 22,000 pre-K children are enrolled in school districts
  • 888 reported PK-Early Learning Classrooms
The Future

• Expansion of Preschool programs
  • State-funded Preschool: Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
    • Current enrollment: Approx. 10,091 children
    • Projected enrollment by 2018-19: 22,897 children
      • Estimated needed new classrooms: 640  (Assuming one ECEAP class session per classroom)
  • School-district preschool program initiatives  (e.g., Seattle, Bellingham, Methow Valley)
    • Needed new classrooms: Not known

• Expansion of State-funded Full-day Kindergarten
  • Current status:
    • State-funding: 35,000 children
    • All funding sources: 56,000 children
  • Projected funding by 2018-19: 81,000 children
    • Estimated needed new classrooms: 1,488

• K-3 Class-size Reduction
  • In Basic Education Act: Without Initiative 1351 (Class-size reduction)
  • Funding provided for Class-sizes of 17:1 beginning in 2017-18
    • Current estimated class-size average: 23:1
    • Estimated needed new classrooms: 5,698

• Estimated total Classrooms needed: 7,862+
What is ECEAP?

• Washington’s state-funded comprehensive preschool program

• School readiness focus on whole child and family
  o Early childhood education
  o Nutrition and health coordination services
  o Family support and parent involvement
Preschool as an entitlement

- **House Bill 2731 (2010):**
  - High-quality early learning program as statutory entitlement by school year 2018-19
  - DEL and OFM submit annual caseload forecast beginning Dec. 1, 2012
  - Added children qualifying for special education as eligible

- **Estimated caseload in FY 2019 is 12,806 additional slots above FY 2015 ECEAP and Head Start slots**
Getting to Statutory Entitlement

Projected number of slots needed per year

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Source: Draft Dec. 2014 DEL/OFM ECEAP Caseload Forecast
OSPI Facility Annual Building Data Collection

• Conducted in 2014

• Based on survey results, school districts will need 5,698 additional K-3 class sizes for Full-day Kindergarten and K-3 Class size reduction
  • Estimated Total Cost: $1.98 Billion
Current Status of Legislative Funding

• SB 6080: Financing public school facilities for state-funded Full-day Kindergarten and K-3 Class-size reduction
  • Status: Public Hearing in Ways and Means – No later action

• Governor’s Proposed Capital Budget
  • $10 million for Full-day kindergarten

• House Capital Budget
  • $10 million for Full-day kindergarten

• Senate Capital Budget
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