



# Office for Education



2014 Proposed Budget Overview

## BASIC MISSION

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- ▶ Office for Education (OFE) administers the Families and Education Levy (Levy), whose purpose is to help Seattle Public School students succeed in school and graduate ready to be successful in their post-secondary endeavors.
- ▶ OFE also manages the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative (SYVPI), whose purpose is to prevent and reduce youth violence through coordinated community mobilization to identify youth at risk of perpetuating or being a victim of violence and connect them with needed support.

# KEY OUTCOMES AND REMAINING CHALLENGES

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- ▶ Levy: All programs are selected to achieve the following three outcomes:
  - ▶ Children will be ready for school.
  - ▶ All students will achieve academically and the achievement gap will be reduced.
  - ▶ All students will graduate from school college/career ready.
- ▶ SYVPI: Each year SYVPI seeks to reduce youth violence and measures its community level impact with two goals:
  - ▶ 10 percent reduction in juvenile court referrals for violence
  - ▶ 10 percent reduction in suspensions and expulsions from selected middle schools due to violence-related incidents

OFE's target is a 50% reduction in both of these outcomes. These continue to remain SYVPI's goals, pending any adjustments resulting from the evaluation readiness review currently underway.

- ▶ Remaining Challenges
  - ▶ Levy: Persistence of the academic achievement gap
  - ▶ SYVPI: Demand for services currently exceeds capacity

# ALIGNING MISSION AND BUDGET

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## Levy

- ▶ The Levy approved by voters in November 2011 increased in size from \$117 million to \$231 million.
- ▶ Substantial increases were made in pre-school services and in elementary school support.
- ▶ More health services are funded and a new community-based family support program has been developed for immigrant, refugee, and Native American students.

## SYVPI

The 2014 Proposed Budget includes additional General Fund support to:

- ▶ More effectively monitor and address the needs of the existing 1,275 enrolled youth by adequately staffing the Initiative.
- ▶ Address the currently unmet needs of 225 additional at-risk youth by increasing SYVPI capacity and services.
- ▶ Implement a risk assessment screening tool to identify the youth most at risk of perpetuating violence and more accurately tailor services to meet their needs.

The proposed budget changes will increase SYVPI's ability to reduce juvenile violent crime by more accurate identification of the most at-risk youth and the most appropriate services to reduce their risk factors for violence.