



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 2, 2018

The Honorable Darrell Clarke
City Council President
City Hall, Room 490
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Council President Clarke,

This letter is in response to questions raised at the March 28, 2018, hearing before the Committee of the Whole on the Fiscal Year 2019 proposed budget for the Mayor's Office of Education. At this hearing, the following questions were asked:

From Councilwoman Reynolds-Brown:

Provide the number of providers who have obtained benefits due to their relationship with PHMC and UAC.

Since the start of PHLpreK in January 2017, two PHLpreK providers have been able to provide 13 employees access to health benefits through their relationship with PHLpreK and two additional providers are currently working with UAC to develop a plan to offer health benefits to their employees.

From Councilman Domb:

What is the school funding level that appears in the Governor's Proposed Budget?

The School District has provided the following information and can discuss in greater detail at their hearing on May 9.

The Governor's FY19 proposed budget as presented on February 6, 2018 includes a total of \$1,305.1 million of FY19 revenues for the School District. This represents a total growth of \$19.2 million over FY18. The general fund portion of the FY19 total is \$1,264.7 million, and consists of the following:

- *Gross Basic Ed of \$1,112.2 million (\$14.9 million increase)*
- *Special Ed total of \$145.6 million (\$3.1 million increase)*
- *Vocation Ed of \$6.8 million (\$1.3 million increase)*

The categorical portion of the FY19 total is \$40.4 million, all of which is for the Ready to Learn Block Grant and is consistent with FY18 funding.

From Councilwoman Quiñones-Sánchez:

Provide data on which families obtain CCIS, by district.

Based on a survey of PHLpreK providers, 20 percent of students currently enrolled in PHLpreK are also receiving CCIS to cover before/after care or summer care. It is important to note that since each provider is reporting information based on their total enrollment, the breakout by Council District only reflects where the provider is located and is not necessarily a reflection of the number of PHLpreK children also receiving CCIS per council district. In other words, the children enrolled may or may not reside in the council district where the center is located.

Council District	Number of PHLpreK Programs That Responded to Survey	PHLpreK Students Enrolled	Of Students Enrolled, Children Receiving CCIS to Cover Before/After Care or Summer Care?	Percentage of PHLpreK children Receiving CCIS
1	1	30	8	27%
2	10	156	29	19%
3	8	157	35	22%
4	5	235	45	19%
5	5	100	6	6%
6	4	64	3	5%
7	7	120	50	42%
8	5	64	12	19%
9	9	222	52	23%
10	5	153	18	12%
Grand Total	59	1,301	258	20%

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Thank you,



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Chief Education Officer