



# Annual Report for the 2006-07 School Year

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# Executive Summary

This report highlights the outcomes and accomplishments from the second year of the 2004 City of Seattle Families and Education Levy (FEL). The Levy focused its investments on increasing measurable academic outcomes and closing the achievement gap for students in Seattle. Outcome targets were based on measures of school readiness, academic achievement, dropout prevention and high school graduation. In 2006-07, the Levy achieved the following:

## Academic Outcomes

- 326 preschool children entered kindergarten ready to succeed
- 1,416 Seattle Public School students met grade-level standards (value-added)
- 445 high-risk youth re-enrolled or stayed in school
- 45 high-risk youth graduated from high school

## Key Findings

- Overall, program outcomes exceeded targets, indicating academic success for many students. Targets need to increase as programs become more efficient and effective.
- The academic achievement gap persists, but important gains toward closing the gap were made in math.
- The Levy is serving students who are struggling academically, particularly in math.
- Developmental gaps among preschool age children indicate the need to focus on quality in the early learning system.
- The high school academic achievement and dropout prevention strategy has had minimal results and is being redesigned.
- Programs are collaborating to maximize benefits for students.
- Programs need to better utilize data to enhance services for students.

## Next Steps

- Continue to explore and identify measures of academic progress to be used more frequently to develop interventions and track gains.
- Continue to analyze data to address the persistent achievement gap. Particular attention will be given to differences in student outcomes across program sites.
- Facilitate greater collaboration within and across Levy programs to maximize benefits to students and share best practices.

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