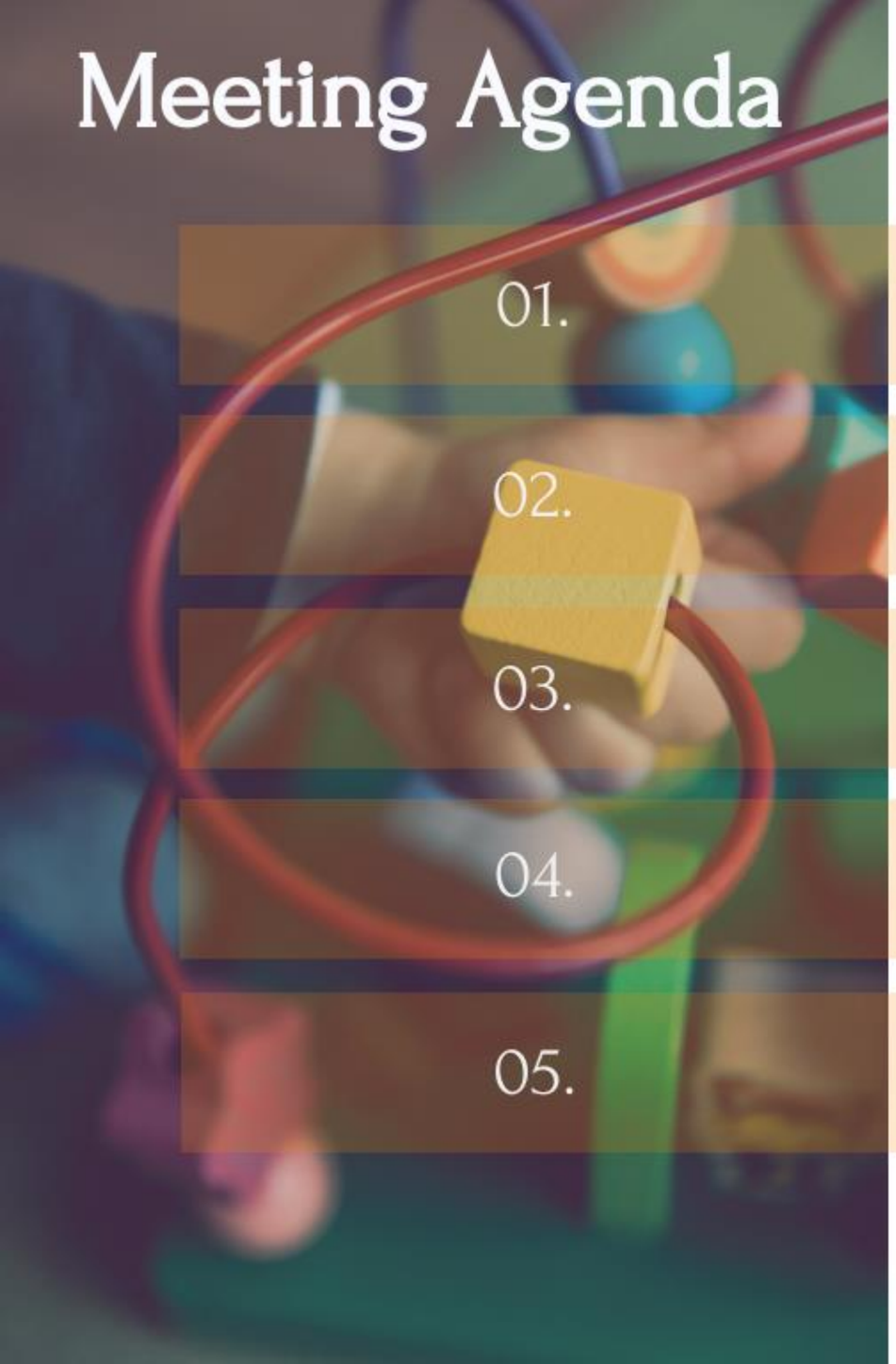
NOEEN New Orleans Early Education Network

NOEEN Steering Committee
January 29, 2020



Meeting Agenda

01. General Assembly

02. Coordinated Funding & Enrollment

03. Coordinated Observations & Supports

04. Ready Start Network Update

05. ECE News & Events

General Assembly

Dr. Keith Liederman

February Meeting

Which of the following days would work best for an ad-hoc Steering Committee meeting?

Tuesday, February 11

Wednesday, February 12

Tuesday, February 18

Wednesday, February 19

The primary purpose of this meeting will be to discuss and approve City Seats' Coordinated Funding Request and 2020-2021 program implementation.

Coordinated Funding & Enrollment

Thomas Lambert & Aimee Grainer

Achieving the Right Balance

In its initial CFR recommendations for 2020-2021, NOEEN attempted to strike the right balance: offering families a diverse array of options, upholding continuing operators, but also trimming an excess of publicly funded four-year-old seats. In doing this, we were still able to accommodate new options in the system, by way of 3 new options.

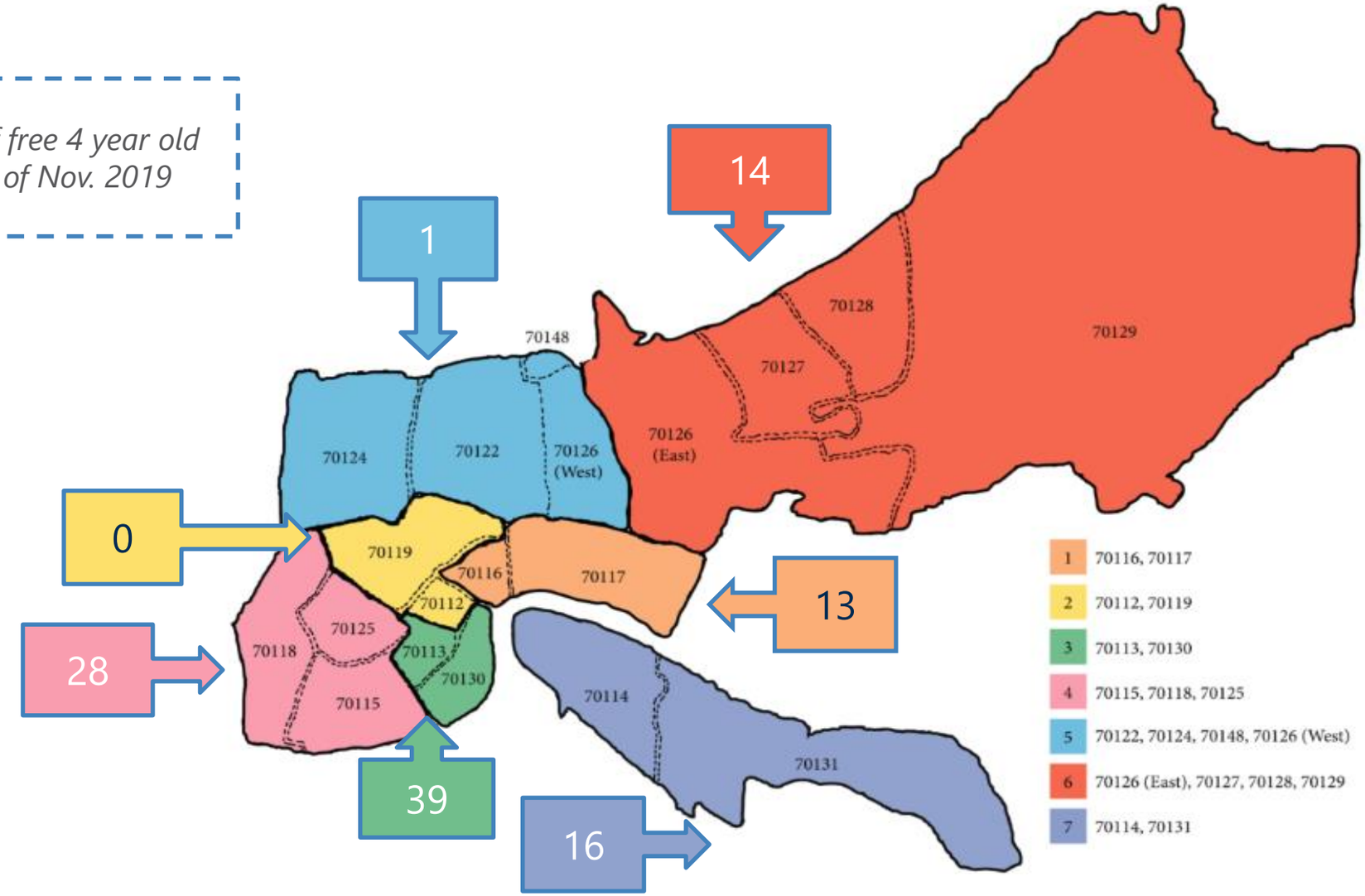
Funding Source	2019-20 Allocated Seats	2020-21 NOEEN Recommendation	Change (18-19 to 19-20)
LA 4	**1,674**	**1,671**	**-3***
Tuition	**164**	**165**	**+1**
NSECD	**457**	**482**	**+25**
PEG	**100**	**0**	**-100**
TOTALS	***2,395***	***2,318***	***-77***

**This includes the Lagniappe allocation, which we will not renew.*

Note: we anticipate Head Start seats to be retained.

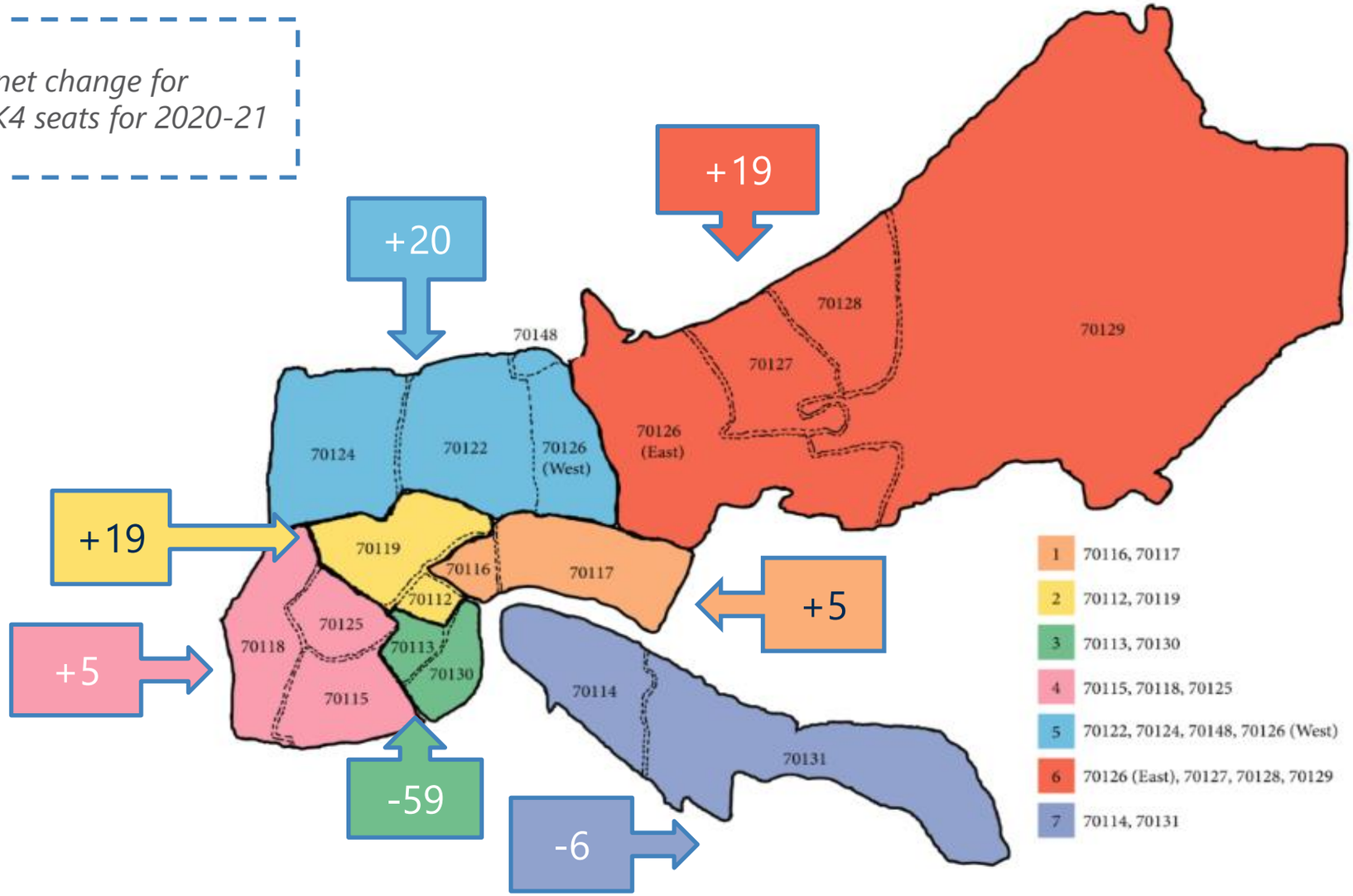
Preliminary Geographic Analysis: PK4 Seats Unfilled – November 2019

+/- represents # of free 4 year old seats unfilled, as of Nov. 2019



Geographic Analysis: Recommended Changes to LA4 & NSECD PK4 Seats in 2020-21

+/- represents net change for recommended free PK4 seats for 2020-21



CFR Recommendation – LA 4 & Tuition

- As with last year, the LDE has requested that all seat requests be rank-ordered for funding by priority.
  - Priority is given to sites that are meeting parents needs, in high demand, and are quality operators.
- The Funding Sub-Committee considered citywide demand vs. supply (during the OneApp, as of 10/1 and as of 11/1), family choice, continuity of care, family services & supports, and overall performance.
  - 9 schools requested increases in existing seats; 5 schools requested decreases.
  - 3 new operators requested publicly funded PK4; 2 operators were recommended for non-renewal of publicly funded PK4 by the Funding Sub-Committee.
  - Most current providers were granted the same number of seats, if requesting to renew.
  - 2019-2020 will be the last year of PEG funding. Current providers may request to convert to NSECD.
- There is no "lagniappe" fund of seats, as with last year, which means less flexibility.
- **The initial recommendation of the Funding Sub-Committee represents a net decrease of -62 seats, or about three PK4 classrooms citywide. This includes the non-renewal of PEG and lagniappe allocations.**

CFR Recommendation – NSECD

- All current NSECD providers are recommended to keep NSECD seats.
- Per LDE guidance, we denied requests to increase NSECD seats at existing sites. This is based on expected funding.
- 12 sites requested new or increased NSECD seats. Of those sites, only 2 are being recommended for approval.
    - Creative Kidz East and Children's Palace are being recommended for approval of one classroom (20 seats) each, for a total of +40.
    - Both sites are high-demand, high-performing, and meeting families' needs. Their requests for NSECD come as a result of loss of PEG funding.
    - Both sites will be prioritized to continue to receive public funds.
    - No other PEG sites applied to continue to serve publicly-funded PK4.
    - NEW: Cuddly Bear would like to discontinue their NSECD program for 2020-2021.

Late Recommended Changes – Nov 2019

1. ReNEW CMO:
   - ✦ Originally requested to spread inclusion rooms across 5 sites, including one TBD.
2. LA4 Operators recommended to not receive funding:
   - Current "F" school (18-19) AND "F" or "D" school 17-18
   - Low parent demand
   - Charter renewal conversations

   a) Joseph A. Craig,
   b) James M. Singleton

Late Recommendations to Consider:

1. Update ReNEW CMO's LA4 allocation to 191 across three sites, instead of 236 across five sites. (-45 LA4 seats)
2. Accept Craig and Singleton's funding requests at present, but revisit after charter renewal decisions are final. (+100 LA4 seats)

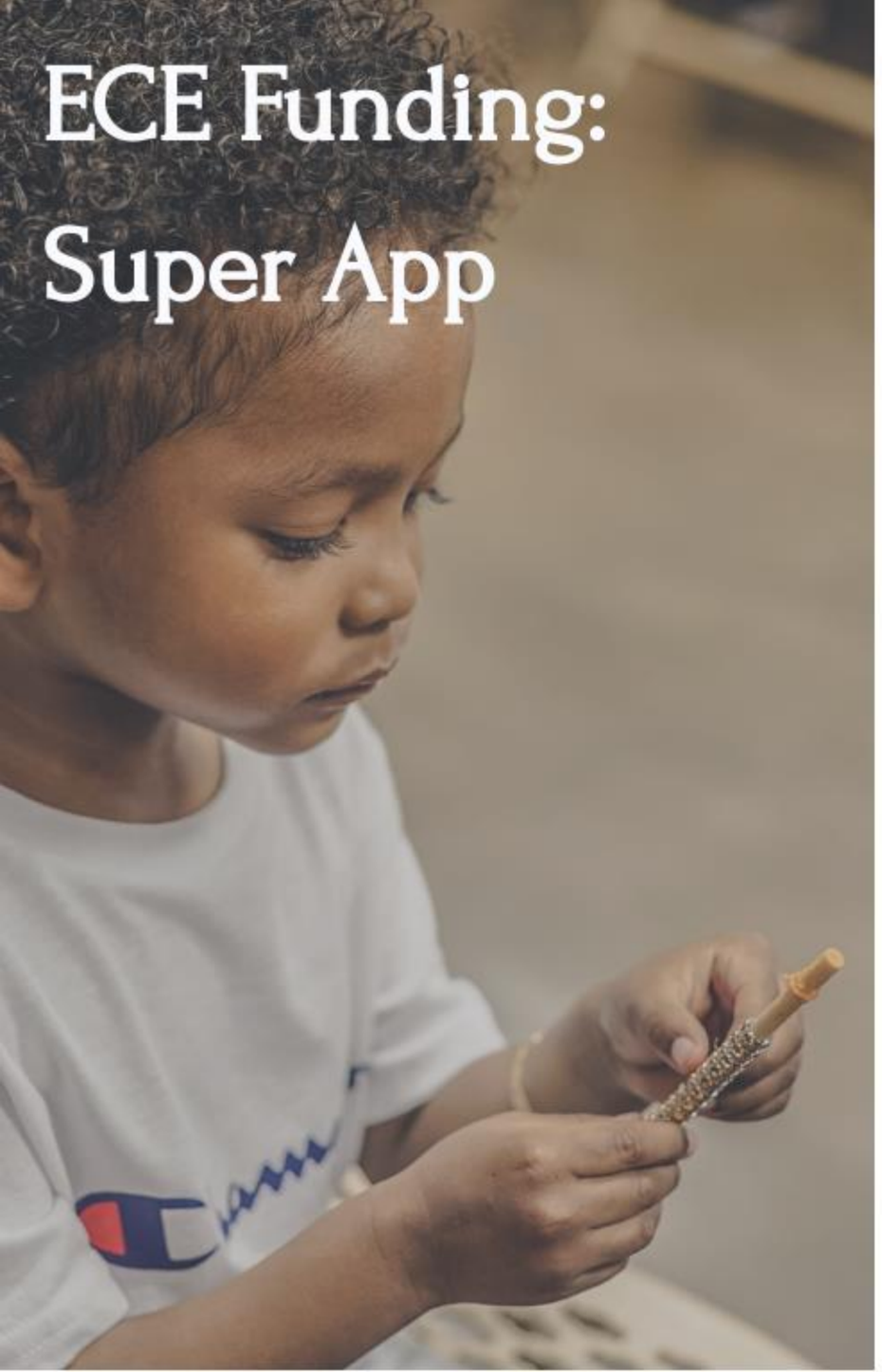
Both changes impact student choice and/or stability.

Questions and Comments
Action Items (Voting) – Jan 2020

1. Vote to approve the recommendation for LA4 seats
2. Vote to approve the recommendation for NSECD seats
3. Vote to approve the recommendation for Tuition seats
4. Vote to review, revise, and approve late recommendations.
    1. Struck. Previously approved at November 19, 2019 meeting.

    2.A: Revised: Recommendation to preliminary approve Craig's request for LA4 seats, in consideration of a newly named operator. Allocation to be ultimately confirmed in collaboration with new operator (Homer Plessy).

    2.B: Revised: Recommendation to approve Singleton's request for LA4 seats, in consideration of extension of charter.



ECE Funding: Super App

Super App & Early Childhood in Orleans Parish

Overall Approach

NOEEN proposes to submit responses to the "strategic questions" on the Super App on behalf of the network, but to also advise individual LEAs to submit independent responses on behalf of their own LEA.

This will yield more comprehensive data and allow LEAs to represent their own needs.

Overview of Super App Strategic Questions:

- Strategies to increase access
  - Picklist of high-level strategies networks are likely to pursue
- Strategies to increase quality
  - Spreadsheet of curriculum implementation and supports
- Network blueprint
  - Submission of existing blueprint. NOEEN's blueprint is its strategic plan
- Coordinated Funding Request (LA4/NSECD)
  - Submission of approved CFR

Super App: Strategies to Increase Access, Birth to Three

CONTEXT:
The Super App will measure strategies to increase access based on networks choosing from a menu of high-level access strategies that many networks are already or intending to pursue within the next year of funding.

STRATEGY:
Below are NOEEN's proposed or current strategies.

Currently Pursuing	For Consideration	Unlikely to Pursue
"Provide more 0-3 seats at child care centers"	"Convert Head Start seats to Early Head Start seats"	"Develop agreements with Head Start to serve more 3's"
"Secure grant funding to serve more children 0-5"		
"Other"		

ACTION:
1: Discuss strategies and characterization.
2. Vote to approve strategies.

Super App: Strategies to Increase Access, Fours

ACTION:

1: Discuss strategies and characterization.

2. Vote to approve strategies.

Currently Pursuing	For Consideration	Unlikely to Pursue
"Target seats for 4's beyond those funded by LA4"	"Collaborate with Head Start to serve the maximum number of 4's across each funding source"	"Maximize eligibility criteria for PK funding using 8g funds"
"Place school-based PK classrooms in zip codes of high need"		"Offer universal PK4"
"Other"		

Super App: Strategies to Increase Quality, Birth-to-Five

CONTEXT:
The Super App will measure strategies to increase quality by asking:

- How many classrooms currently implement a Tier 1 curriculum, and
- Which vendors and/or partners are available for professional development to leverage said curriculum.

STRATEGY:
NOEEN's approach to answering this question will be to compile the current number of sites using a Tier 1 curriculum, and to make a reasonable extrapolation of expected increases based on the CFR requested allocations and other funding increases.

ACTION:
1. Vote to approve above strategy.

ECE Funding: PDG

What Happened

- LDE was awarded a multi-million, multi-year grant to increase B-3 seats.
- We're advised to make an ambitious, but realistic ask for B-3 PDG seats.
- It benefits us to ask for the greatest realistic number: no penalty should we request to reduce our original ask in later planning stages.

Actions for NOEEN

- Consider the most strategic, sustainable option for use of funds.
- Request the desired number of PDG seats with CFR / Super App.
- Eligibility is 200% of FPL - aligned with LA4.

Brass Tacks

- Proposal includes a work requirement.
- Networks will be responsible for enrollment / eligibility determination.
- We have pushed on requirements and are expecting further guidance from LDE soon.

PDG: Proposals for Seat Request

Proposals	Detail
City Seats: Expansion + Continuity of Care	Request sufficient PDG seats to **1) Extend City Seats** program to serve rising 3's, providing continuity of care for enrolled families, and **2) Increase City Seats** capacity overall, augmenting existing program.
NEW B-3 Program Comparable to CCAP	Create an **independent 0-3 program**, with differing eligibility and/or funding criteria, to cast a wider net of families eligible for publicly-funded seats.
City Seats: Braid Funds with City Funding	Use PDG seats to increase City Seats capacity, keeping the program as B-2, but **braid with Mayor's funds** to 1) Bring PDG reimbursement rate up to City Seats rate, and 2) To maximally increase seats without sacrificing wraparounds
FCCs: Incorporate Licensed FCCs	**Recruit licensed FCCs** to receive public dollars in exchange for participation in centralized enrollment and accountability processes, giving NOEEN early data into management of enrollment and oversight of FCCs.
Head Start: Braid Funds with Head Start Funding	Use PDG seats to **increase Early Head Start capacity**, diversifying Head Start enrollment.

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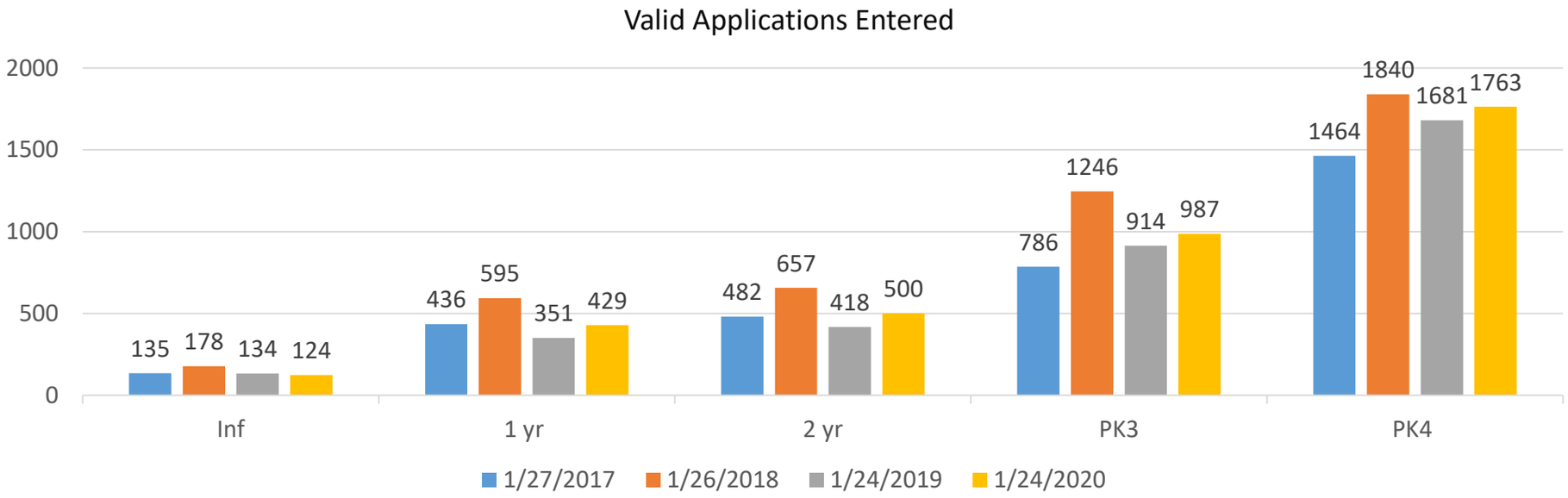
EVERY CHILD. EVERY SCHOOL. EVERY DAY.

Update on EC Application Rates

January 29, 2020

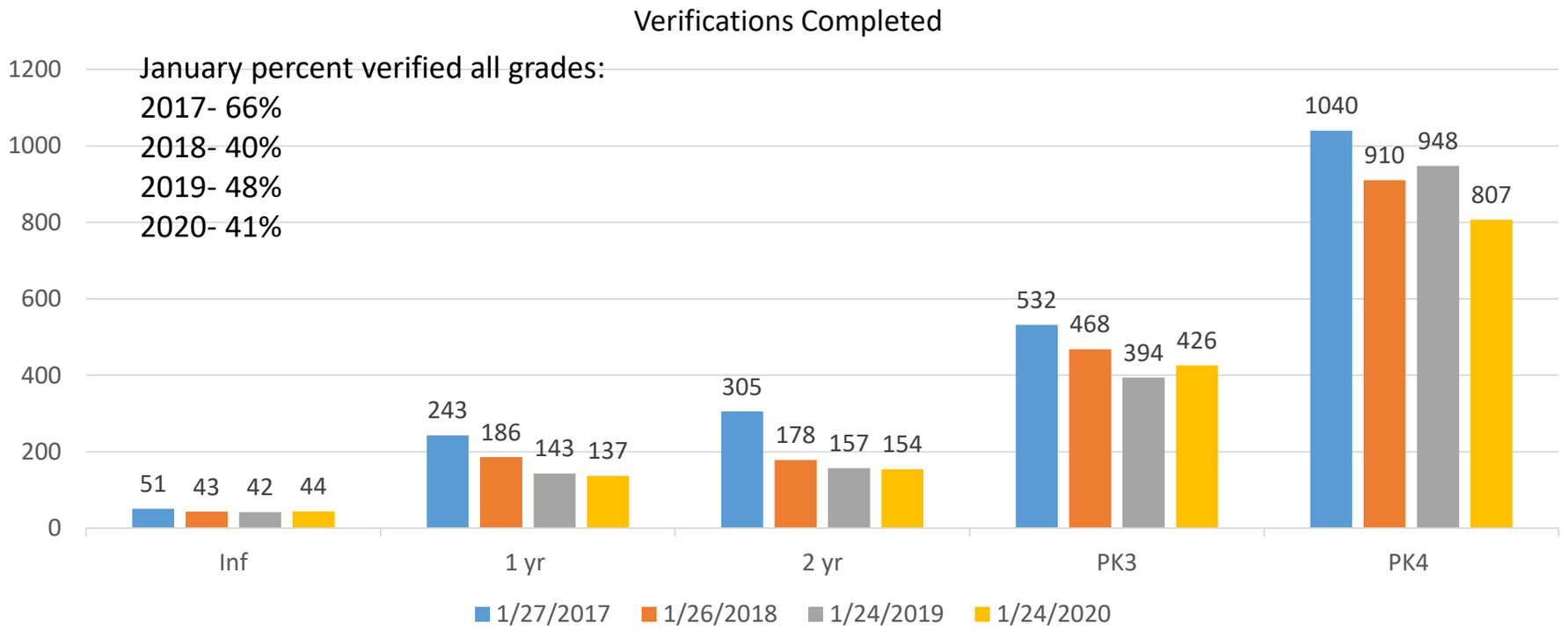
- Year to year comparison of Main Round applications 2017-2020
- Year to year comparison of Main Round verifications 2017-2020
- View of MR app and verified by zip code 2020
- Spring 2020 Enrollment Calendar

Comparison of Main Round Applications January 2017 to January 2020



- Valid is defined as an application that includes school choices
- Valid applications are higher than last year for grades 1 yr-PK4

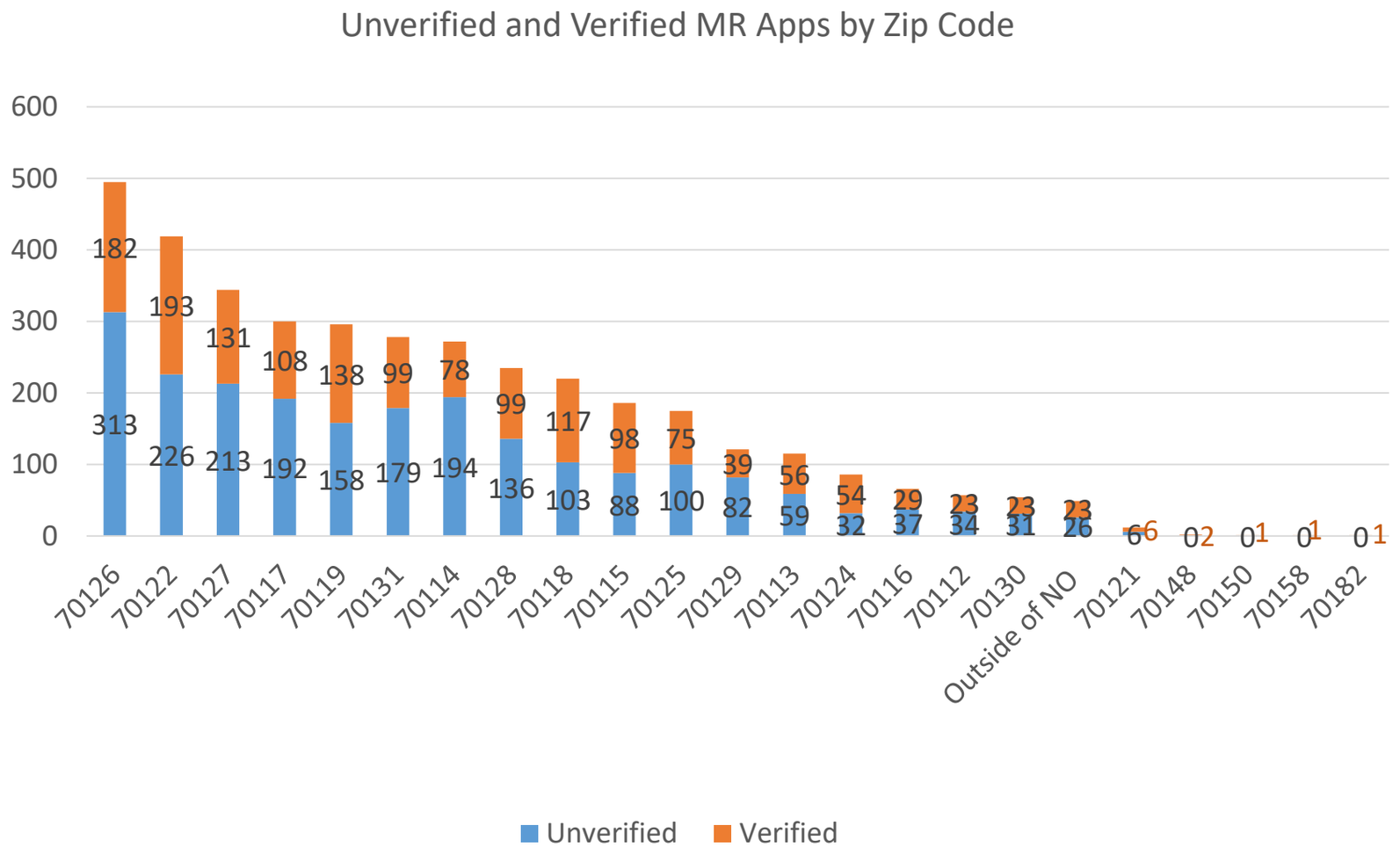
Comparison of Main Round Verifications Completed January 2017 to January 2020



- Verifications are trending lower when compared to previous year for grades 1 yr, 2yr, and PK 4. Verifications are up for infant and PK 3 for the same period.

- Early Childhood Main Round application will extend through March, allowing time for these verifications to catch up to previous years.

Unverified and Verified Applications by Zip Code Main Round 2020-2021



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Spring 2020 Enrollment Calendar

Jan. 31, 20	K-12 Main Round Deadline
Mid-March	Anticipated K-12 MR match results released
March 27, 20	Early Childhood Main Round ends
April 1st	K-12 Round 2 begins
April 20, 20	BESE EC allocations finalized
Late April	Anticipated EC MR match results released
TBD	Open Enrollment for EC begins

Coordinated Observations & Supports

Jen Roberts & Aimee Grainer

Fall 2019 Updates

- NOEEN completed 631 observations, including a full pilot of Infant (97).
- Average reliability is 64.5%, on par with years prior. >/=80% is ideal.
- The CLASS team is still analyzing trends, with more data to come.
  - Among trends we will analyze are wide variances in Picard vs. Local.

Spring 2020 Updates

- Spring observations launched this month, January 2020.
- The deadline to complete observations is May 15.
- We will be monitoring:
  - Mean/median/mode of reliability; self-observing vs. contractor reliability
  - "Red Flag" indicators and variances,

Eight AFC observers recently participated in an observation calibration master class. 7/8 received reliability of 100%; 1 received reliability of 80%. NOEEN will continue to devise ways to spread expertise citywide and among contractors.

In addition, the Quality Sub-Committee will continue to explore long-term sustainability and models for improving quality.

Ready Start Network Update

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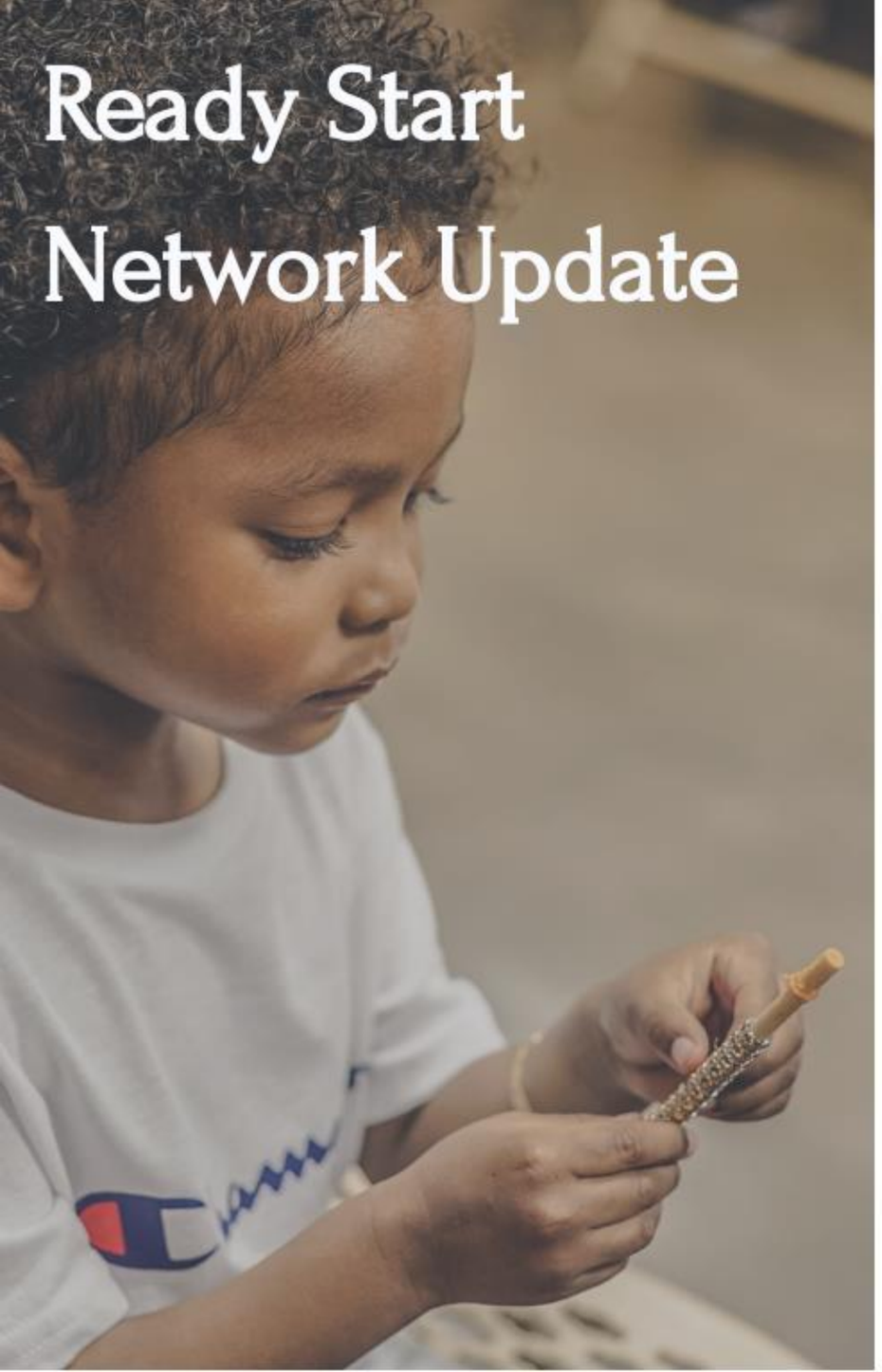

Ready Start Network Update

Steering & Sub-Committee Updates

- Steering Committee Roles & Responsibilities
- Sub-Committee Progress Reports - Share Out
- Vote for NOEEN Vice Chair

News & Opportunities

- CCAP Pilot Program
- City Seats CFR
- LDE Site Visits
- Spring Quarterly Convening - March 17

Advocacy, Funding, & Initiatives Update

- Robert Wood Johnson
- Pritzker
- Pre-School Development Grant

LDE Mandates & Deadlines

- Super App / PDG / CFR - February 7
- Child Count - February 28
- Coordinated Enrollment Plan - Late February

ECE News & Events

February 7: Super App & CFR Due

February 24-28: NOEEN Closed: Happy Mardi Gras!

February 28: Feb Child Count Due

Late February: Coordinated Enrollment Plan Due

March 17: Spring Quarterly Convening

March 27: ECE OneApp Closes

See you in February!