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### **\$1.6 million awarded to support academically at-risk youth in Seattle**

*Grants for elementary school and summer learning programs awarded through  
2011 Families and Education Levy*

**SEATTLE** – The City of Seattle’s Office for Education (OFE) has recently awarded \$1,629,325 in grants to support innovative programs and summer learning activities for Seattle elementary school- and middle school-aged youth.

The Elementary Innovation grants totaling \$1,240,000 (\$310,000 apiece) will go to four schools for implementation this fall: Concord International, Bailey Gatzert, Sanislo, and West Seattle. In addition, OFE conditionally approved Emerson and Sand Point Elementary Schools to receive innovation funding for the 2015-16 school year. The grants will fund after-school tutoring programs, family support services, and in-school academic support. These schools will join the eight schools already funded by the 2011 Families and Education Levy.

In addition, OFE awarded \$389,325 in new Summer Learning grants to six providers: Denise Louie Education Center, John Muir Elementary School, Seattle Parks and Recreation at Aki Kurose Middle School, Southwest Early Learning, El Centro de la Raza, and Woodland Park Zoo across eight sites. The purpose of the Summer Learning grants is to prevent summer learning loss for academically at-risk youth ranging from kindergarten through high school. These sites will join the 14 sites awarded last year.

Both of these granting programs are from the 2011 Families and Education Levy which provides supplemental support to Seattle Public Schools’ students to increase success in school. The Office for Education (OFE) allocates Levy funds through a competitive process to schools and community-based organizations that demonstrate they can improve the outcomes of struggling students.

For more information about the 2011 Families and Education Levy, visit [www.seattle.gov/Office-for-Education/](http://www.seattle.gov/Office-for-Education/).

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