



Mayor Nickels' 2004 Levy Proposal

“Every child, every family – a chance for success in our schools”

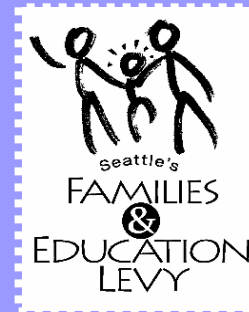
Seattle's History of Commitment to Children and Families



- 1990 Education Summit: Safe, healthy and ready to learn
- 1990 - First Families and Education Levy approved by voters: \$69 million
- 1997 - Families and Education Levy renewal: \$69 million



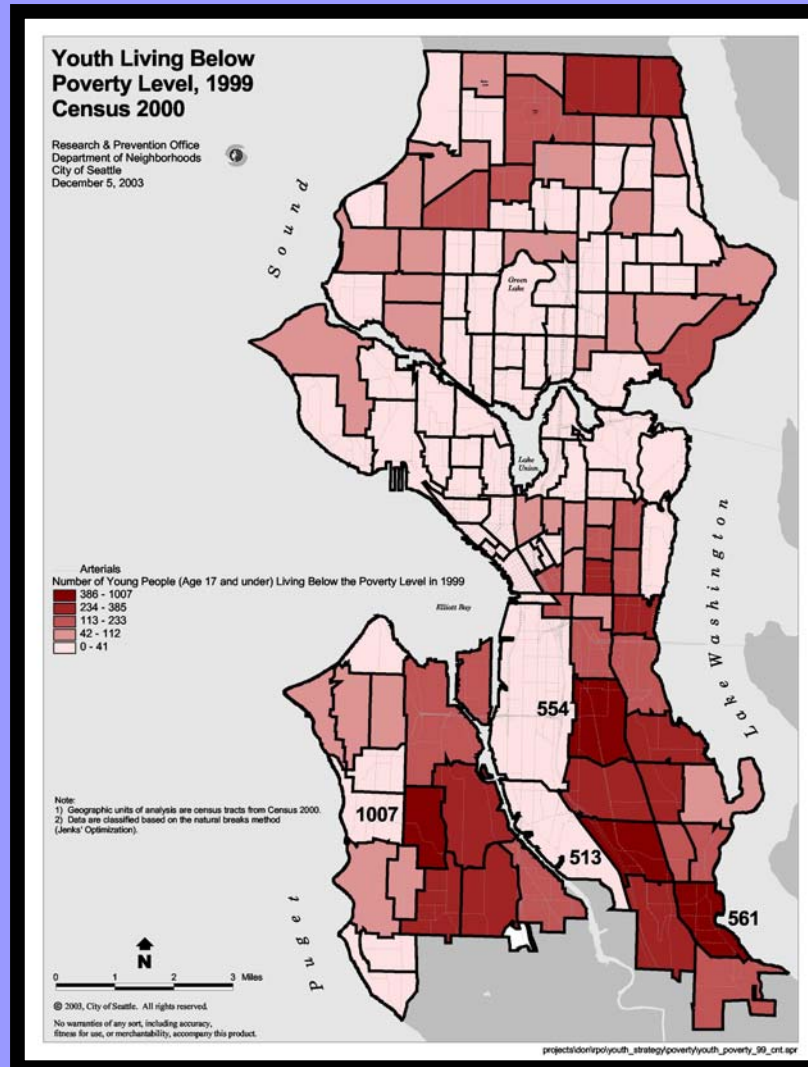
The Challenge Today: We are failing our children



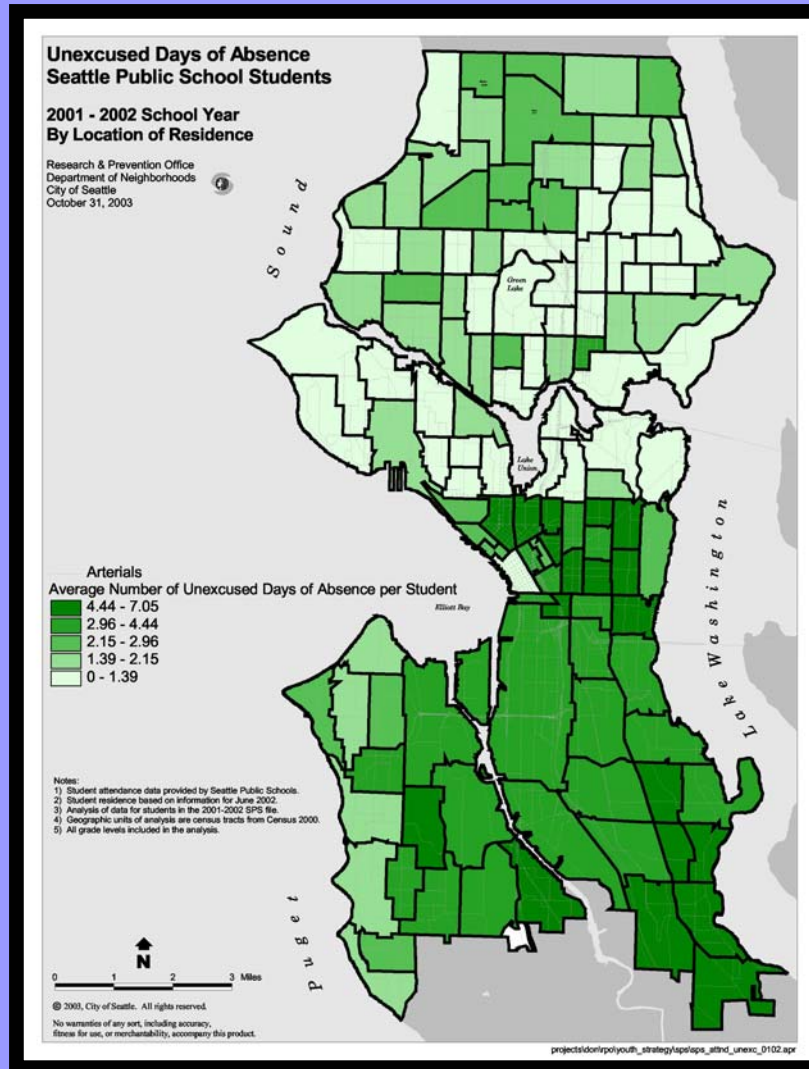
- Only two out of three students in Seattle Public Schools graduate.
- Children of color and children from low-income families are falling behind.

The status quo is not working.

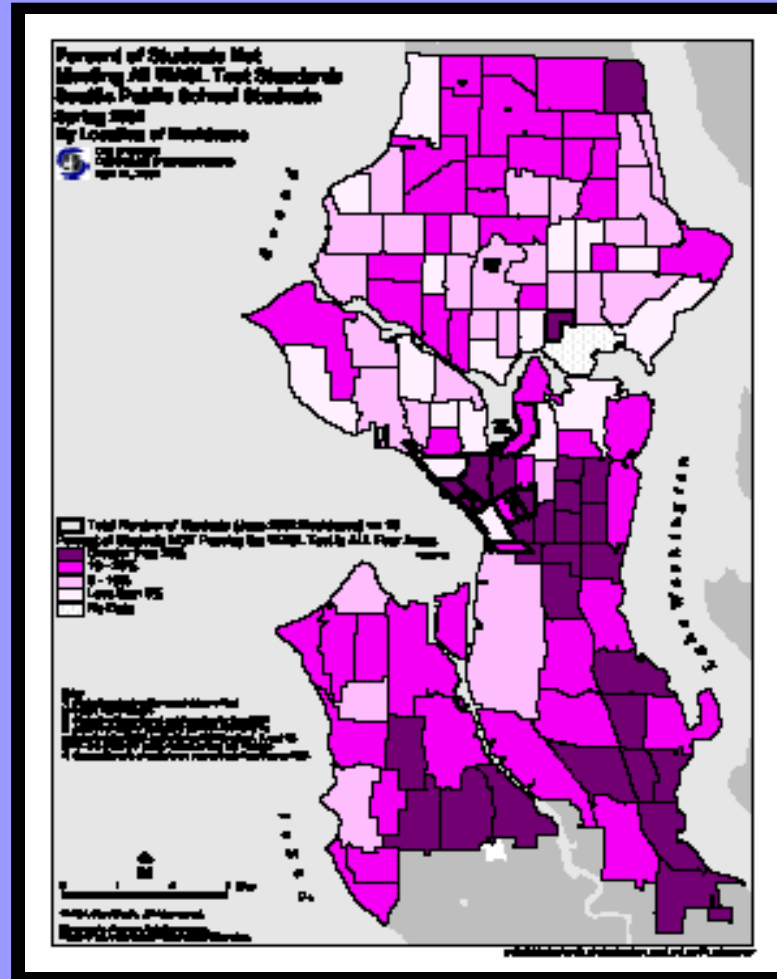
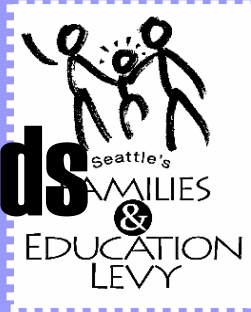
Children of Low-income Families in Seattle



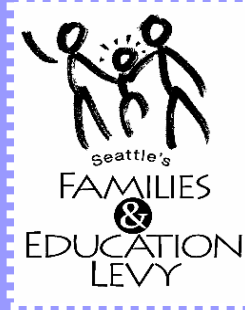
Unexcused Absences in Public Schools



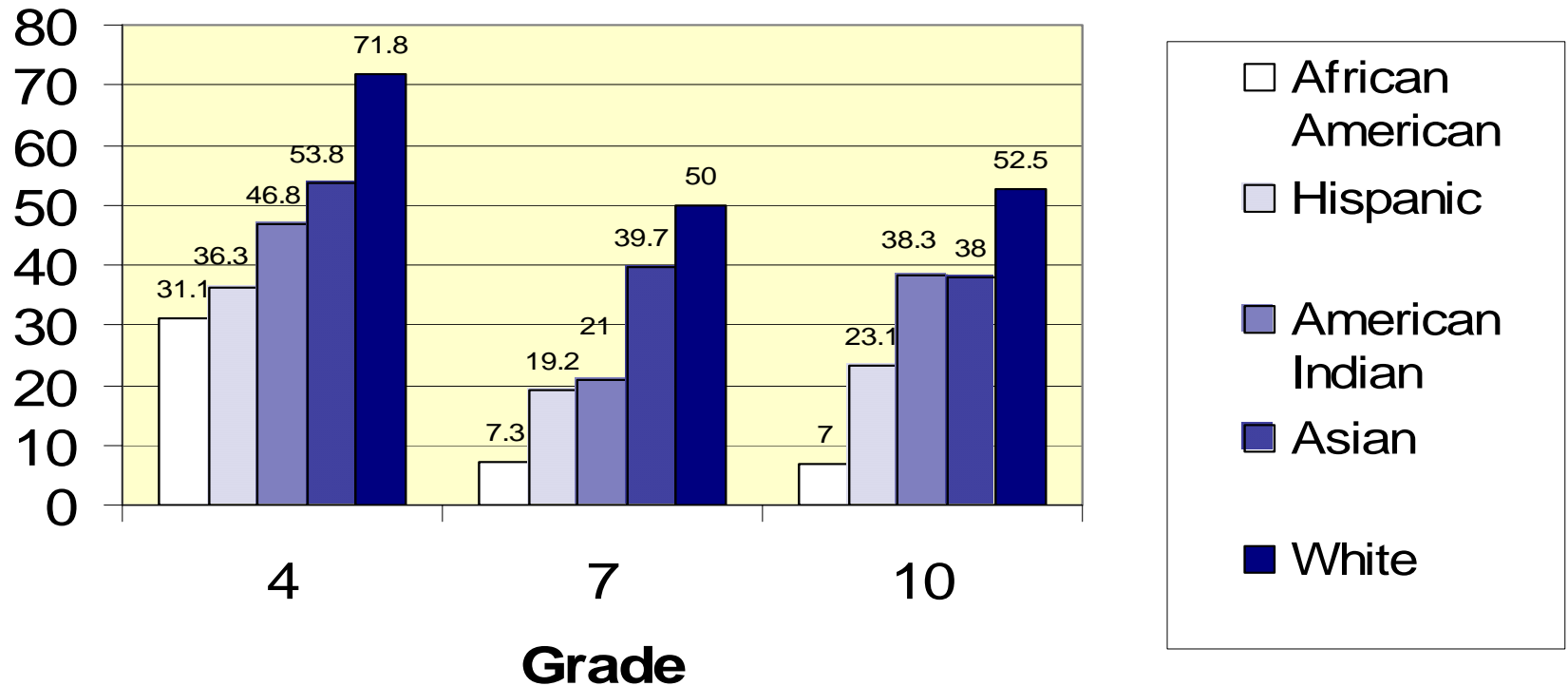
Students Not Meeting WASL Standards



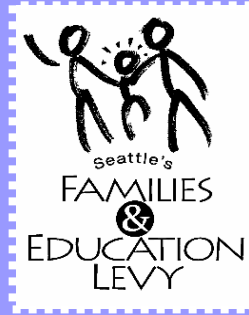
We are failing our kids: Children of Color Falling Behind



2002-03 Math WASL, Percent Met Standard, Seattle Public Schools

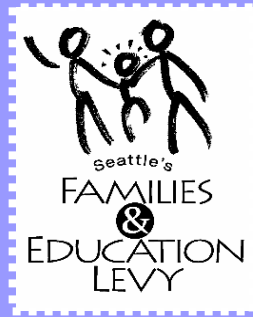


We are failing our kids: The Achievement Gap



- **55 percent** of Latino children do not pass the first grade reading assessment.
- **93 percent** of African American 10th graders failed the 2002-03 math WASL.
- **56.6 percent** of Native students in the class of 2002 in Seattle Public Schools did not complete high school.

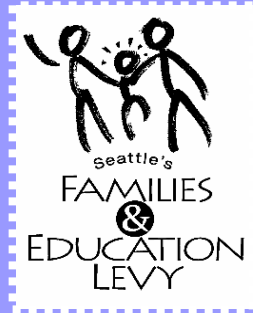
The Looming WASL Crisis



- In 1993, the Legislature mandated academic standards and statewide assessments
- Passing the WASL will be a requirement for the class taking the test in 2006.

Mayor's Policy Direction

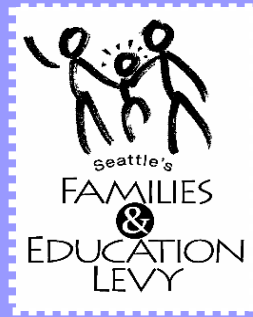
"Help every child succeed"



- Close the gap – focus on kids who need the most help.
- Do our part to make kids ready to learn.
- Measure our progress by how well kids are doing.

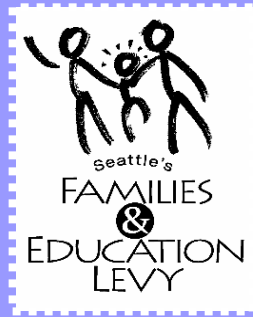


How the proposal took shape



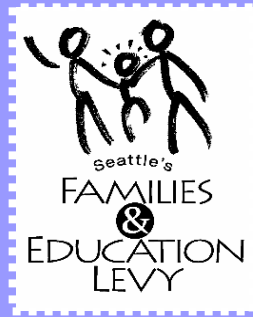
- Community involvement
 - Helped set priorities
- Levy Oversight Committee (LOC)
 - Adopted policy goals
- Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)
 - Recommended strategies

Levy Oversight Committee



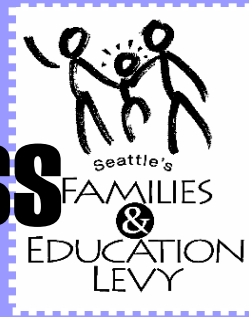
- Established by ordinance
- 7 members:
 - Mayor
 - Councilmember
 - Superintendent
 - School Board Member
 - 3 citizen representatives

LOC's Policy Goals



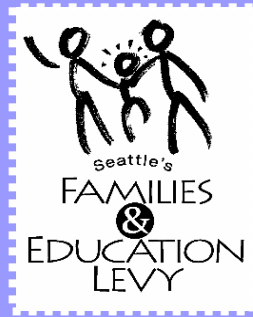
- Help Seattle's children become school ready, be healthy and succeed academically.
 - Early learning
 - Family support and involvement
 - Out-of-school time
 - Student health
 - Support for high-risk, middle- and high-school-age students

LOC: Set goals, measure progress



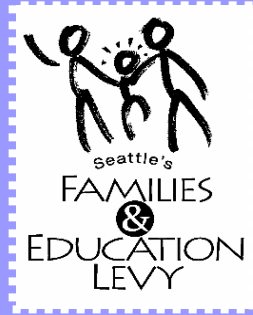
- Programs achieve measurable results:
 - Ready for kindergarten
 - Stay out of trouble
 - Perform at grade level, graduate
 - Involve families
 - Improve health and avoid high-risk behavior

Citizens Advisory Committee



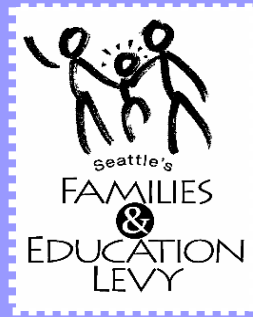
- 42 members representing a broad cross-section of the community
 - Educators
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Community-based organizations
 - Business and community leaders

CAC: Pick the right services; coordinate efforts



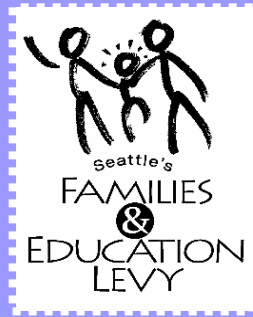
- Integrate efforts
- Recommended some new approaches
 - Early-learning networks
 - Partnerships for Student Success
 - Student health pilot project

LOC Recommendation



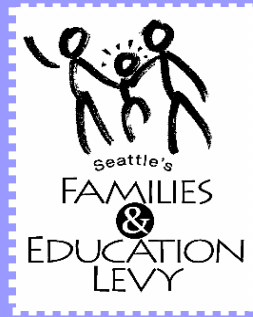
- Closely followed CAC recommendations
- Embraced some new approaches:
 - Early-learning Networks
 - Partnerships for Student Success

Mayor Nickels' Proposed Levy



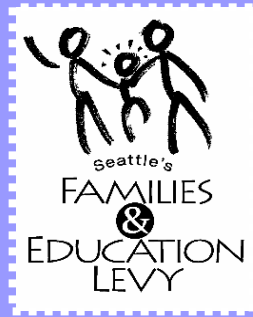
• Early Learning	\$4.04 million
• Family Support	\$2.125 million
• Family Involvement	\$500,000
• Out-of-School Time	\$3.1 million
• High-risk youth	\$1.25 million
• Student Health Services	\$3.3 million
Total seven-year package:	\$103.3 million

A New Direction: *Early Learning*



- High-quality early childhood education is associated with better performance in early years of school.
- Levy investments: \$4.04 million for preschool for 400 low-income four-year-olds each year

A New Direction: *Family Support*



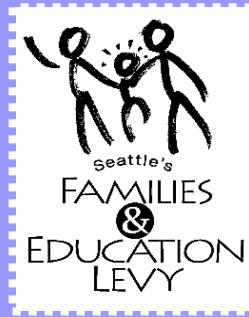
- Family support helps families overcome difficulties so they can better meet developmental needs of their children.
- Levy investment: \$2.125 million for family support in elementary schools.

A New Direction: *Family Involvement*



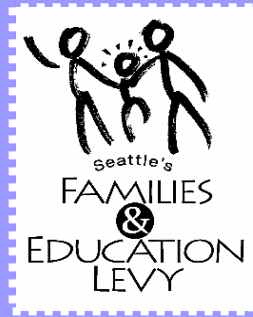
- Family involvement improves student achievement, attitudes, and aspirations.
- Levy investment: \$500,000 for community-based family involvement

A New Direction: *Out-of-School*



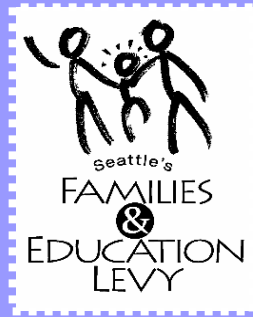
- Because children and youth spend only about 20 percent of their waking hours in school, there are many hours free either for risky behavior or academic opportunity.
- Levy investment: \$3.1 million for after-school academic programs serving middle schools and some elementary schools.

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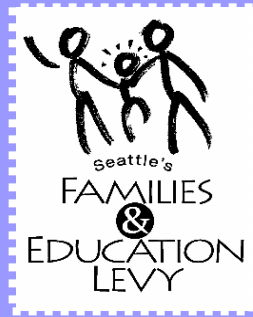
- Homework support and completion
- WASL prep
- Hands-on science, math and literacy
- Technology, computer and arts classes
- Practical application of learning standards
- Hot topics discussion groups
- Life skills and career exploration

A New Direction: *High-Risk Youth*



- Case management increases academic success and reduces delinquent behavior.
- Levy investment: \$1.25 million for case management for high-risk middle- and high-school-age youth.

A New Direction: *Student Health*



- Students face health problems that can create barriers to learning. School is a logical place to address student health needs.
- Levy investment: \$3.3 million for School-based Health Centers and school nurses

Implementation: Working with Council, LOC, Community



- Implementation plans will be developed in each investment area, tailored to community needs
- The LOC and Council will review all of the implementation plans.

Accountability:

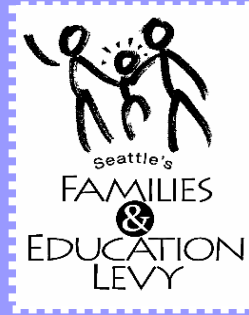
Making sure investments bring results



- Outcome approach to program design and management
- Strengthen evaluation
- Progress reports
- Partnership agreement with the school district – Council adopts; LOC monitors



Complementary Investments: General Fund and Levy

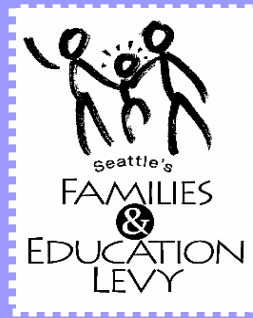


Examples:

	Current		Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>FEL</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>FEL</u>
Case Management*	\$.484	\$.807	0	\$ 1.25
Family* Centers	\$.457	\$.813	\$ 1.27	0

- Maintain current capacity in child care

*millions of dollars



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For More Information

www.seattle.gov/mayor/issues/educationlevy.htm