

**First 5 Commission of San Diego**  
 June 7, 2010  
**School Readiness Initiative Contract Extension**

**Request**

The request before the Commission is to approve a contract extension for San Diego Unified School District School Readiness program.

**Background**

The School Readiness Initiative (SR) is a jointly-funded State and local Commission effort that takes a whole child approach to ensuring that children enter school physically, emotionally and cognitively ready to learn. SR was initiated by the First 5 Commission of California in 2001, when it approved \$200 million to fund a four-year School Readiness (SR) Initiative (Cycle 1), in which First 5 San Diego participated in. In 2005, the First 5 Commission of California continued the School Readiness Initiative for an additional four years at the same funding level (Cycle 2). During Cycle 2, the First 5 Commission of San Diego is receiving a funding match of approximately 50% or up to \$2,927,048.00 annually from the State Commission.

The Commission currently has contracts with seven school districts to operate SR programs. The Districts initiated their SR programs at different times.

- Three districts are completing their final year of Cycle 2 funding on June 30, 2010:
  - Chula Vista Elementary School District
  - National School District
  - San Ysidro School District
- One school district opted out of the final year of Cycle 2 funding on June 30, 2009:
  - Cajon Valley Union School District
- Four districts are entering their final option year extensions on July 1, 2010:
  - Escondido Union School District
  - Oceanside Unified School District
  - Vista Unified School District
  - San Diego Unified School District

Although contractor performance measures have been negotiated with each school district based upon its unique characteristics and expected performance, each First 5 San Diego SR program must provide services and measurable outcomes in accordance with the five essential First 5 California School Readiness Program Elements in four Results Areas. This data is used to evaluate the overall Initiative as follows:

	<b>School Readiness Element</b>	<b>Results Area</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Measurements and Data Sources</b>
1	Early Care and Education	Improved Child Development	Children are making developmental progress in the areas of cognitive, social, emotional and language approaches to learning as well as health/physical development.	Children's developmental progress (aggregated). Comparison of fall vs. spring scores measured by child assessment instruments.
2	Parenting/Family Support Services	Improved Family Functioning	Parents are taking classes focused on supporting child	Number of parents attending classes and quality of classes. Parent surveys and attendance

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			physical, cognitive and socio-emotional development.	records.
3	Health and Social Services	Improved Health	Children receive early and comprehensive screenings.	Universal screening of children who are identified with disabilities or special needs and provision of developmental services by the time of kindergarten enrollment.
4	School's Readiness for Children  Infrastructure, Administration & Evaluation	Improved Systems	Schools facilitate continuity between early education settings and kindergarten.	Meeting the standards set by the National Education Goals Panel, as measured by survey and focus groups of school personnel and early care and education program staff.

#### **San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) School Readiness Program**

- SDUSD operates a classroom-based school readiness program.
- All SR programs are focused on communities with schools that have low API scores (Academic Performance Index) rankings of 1-3.
- Additional performance outcome detail for the SDUSD FY 2008-09 contract is provided in Attachment # 1.
- Additional performance outcome details for SDUSD current FY 2009-10 fiscal year, up to Quarter 3 is provided in Attachment #1.
- In April 2010 First 5 Commission fiscal staff requested Agency Contract Support (ACS) to conduct a fiscal review of SDUSD FY 2008-2009 School Readiness Program.

#### **Commission History**

- The Commission approved option year amendments for three School Readiness contracts (Escondido, Oceanside and Vista school districts on: May 3, 2010 (Item 2).
- The Commission approved option year amendments for these seven contracts on: November 3, 2008 (Item 8), May 5, 2008 (Item 2), June 28, 2007 (Item 6), May 14, 2007 (Item 5), June 19, 2006 (Item 7), May 2, 2005 (Item 6), May 2, 2005 (Item 6), June 24, 2004 (Item 7), and October 13, 2003 (Item 6).
- June 2, 2003 (Item 11): The Commission approved the funding for School Readiness programs with Escondido Union and Oceanside Unified School Districts.
- January 27, 2003 (Item 14) The Commission approved the funding for School Readiness Programs with San Ysidro School District, Cajon Valley Union School District, San Diego Unified and Vista Unified School Districts to operate School Readiness Programs.
- December 3, 2001 (Item 8) The Commission approved the funding for the first School Readiness Programs including the Chula Vista Elementary School District and National School District.

**Staff Recommendations**

- 1) Find that the proposed contract amendment for the San Diego Unified School District School Readiness Initiative contract is consistent with the Commission's Strategic Plan, furthers the support and improvement of early childhood education within the County and provides a public benefit.
- 2) Act on the final option year to extend the contract through June 30, 2011 and approve up to \$2,637,180 for the FY 2010-11 San Diego Unified School District School Readiness Program.
- 3) Authorize the Executive Director or her designee to negotiate and execute a contract amendment with San Diego Unified School District. Any issues identified from the FY 2008-2009 fiscal review will be mitigated appropriately.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Up to \$2,637,180 from the School Readiness allocation in the Commission's FY 2010-11 approved budget. The Commission will receive up to \$1,318,590 in matching funds from the State First 5 Commission resulting in a net cost to First 5 San Diego of \$1,318,590.

**First 5 Commission of San Diego**  
**SCHOOL READINESS CONTRACT SUMMARIES**  
**SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>Contractor Name:</b> San Diego Unified School District	<b>Funding:</b> Total funding to date - \$16,562,064	<b>Current Funding Request:</b> FY 2010-11 - \$2,637,180
<b>Summary of Services:</b> San Diego Unified is the largest SR Program. It is a classroom based project that serves 38 low performing schools. Services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preschool classes for children ages 2-5</li> <li>• Family literacy parent education program that includes <i>Second Step Violence Prevention</i> component.</li> <li>• Health record screenings, medical referrals, developmental screenings and referrals</li> <li>• Speech and language interventions</li> <li>• Interventions for children with behavioral issues</li> <li>• Kindergarten transition program</li> <li>• Professional staff development</li> </ul>		
<b>Numbers to be Served in FY 2010-11:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,738 children will be served in preschool</li> <li>• 1,369 families will participate in parent education opportunities</li> </ul>		
<b>Results:</b> (for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009) Early Care & Education: <i>Improved Child Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,042 children enrolled (57 received fully funded half-day preschool services, 1,985 received enhanced services at state preschool and child development centers)</li> </ul> Parenting/Family Support Services: <i>Improved Family Functioning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,350 parents participated in the Family Literacy Program and <i>Second Step Violence Prevention</i> Program</li> <li>• 170 Family Literacy and <i>Second Step Violence Prevention</i> Program classes conducted</li> </ul> Health & Social Services: <i>Improved Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 259 mental health and social service assessments and referrals</li> <li>• 125 language support and intervention services</li> <li>• 1,026 children received developmental screenings</li> </ul> School's Readiness for Children: <i>Improved Systems of Care</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 541 children participated in Kindergarten Transition Program</li> <li>• 235 staff received Professional Development</li> </ul>		
<b>Current Results:</b> (for July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010) Early Care & Education: <i>Improved Child Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,904 children enrolled (73 received fully funded half-day preschool services, 2,831 received enhanced services at state preschool and child development centers)</li> </ul> Parenting/Family Support Services: <i>Improved Family Functioning</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,200 parents participated in the Family Literacy Program and <i>Second Step Violence Prevention</i> Program</li> <li>• 144 Family Literacy and <i>Second Step Violence Prevention</i> Program classes conducted</li> </ul> Health & Social Services: <i>Improved Health</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 265 mental health and social service assessments and referrals</li> <li>• 117 language support and intervention services</li> <li>• 1,919 children received developmental screenings</li> </ul> School's Readiness for Children: <i>Improved Systems of Care</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,344 children participated in Kindergarten Transition Program</li> <li>• 223 staff received Professional Development</li> </ul>		
<b>Contract Performance Status:</b> Contractor meeting or exceeding all service delivery targets and other contract requirements for FY 2009-10.		