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The Honorable Luke E. Torian Chairman, House of Appropriations Virginia General Assembly 4222 Fortuna Plaza, Suite 659 Dumfries, Virginia 22025

The Honorable Janet D. Howell Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee Virginia General Assembly P.O. Box 2068 Reston, Virginia 20195 -0608

Dear Sir and Madam:

I am pleased to submit the enclosed report that summarizes the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's pilot Mixed-Delivery Preschool Initiative funding. Budget Bill-HB30, Chapter 1289, Item 145.C.14.1 directs the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to submit a comprehensive report summarizing funding for slots used and number of students served from various federal poverty levels. VDOE is required to report this information annually, to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees. It is important to note that due to challenges presented by COVID 19, Mixed-Delivery programs were delayed in recruiting and enrolling children in classrooms this fall and are still actively seeking to fill vacant slots.

Although not requested by the 2020 Budget Bill, at a later date VDOE will also provide a summary VPI 2020-2021 budget report for participating school divisions and the state. Due to impacts of COVID 19, school divisions are continuing to enroll and fill slots up through January 8, 2021 with reporting to the state to follow.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mark Allan, Associate Director of Early Childhood Education, at (804) 225-3665 or Mark.Allan@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely, ames F. Lane

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The Honorable Atif Qarni, c: Secretary of Education

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

2020-2021 Mixed Delivery Pilot Preschool Initiative

The data below summarizes the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation's pilot Mixed-Delivery Preschool Initiative funding and enrollment. Budget Bill-HB30, Chapter 1289, Item 145.C.14.1 directs the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to submit a comprehensive report summarizing funding for slots used and number of students served from various federal poverty levels. VDOE is required to report this information annually, to the Chairmen of House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.

The data below includes the funding for the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation Mixed Delivery Pilot Preschool Initiative. Information about slots filled, waitlist slots, and the federal poverty level (FPL) of enrolled children is included. It is important to note that due to challenges presented by COVID 19, Mixed-Delivery programs were delayed in recruiting and enrolling children in classrooms this fall and are still actively seeking to fill vacant slots as of December 31, 2020.

Funding:

\$1,160,000 State General Funds (SGF)

\$840,000 Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER)

Number of Slots Allocated as of 11/13/2020	Number of Slots Filled as of 12/4/2020	Waitlist	Number of 3- year- olds	At or below 130% FPL	131- 200% FPL	201- 350% FPL	351+% FPL
250	125	22	98	86	33	6	0

Grantees received Mixed Delivery funding [SGF] on 11/2/2020 and [GEER funding] on 11/13/2020. Enrollment of children in private sector and community-based classrooms therefore was delayed this fall, and grantees are still actively promoting availability of vacant slots to families.