



MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2023

To: Finance Committee

From: Zach Pruitt, Community Education Director

RE: "ECFE On the Go"

One of the proposed district-wide goals is to "increase the percentage of Faribault Public Schools kindergarten students who are meeting grade-level benchmarks from 37% in fall 2022 to 46% in fall 2024."

As presented to the School Board this spring, one of the three prioritized strategies in this area is to extend Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) programming to reach those not already served. This includes through expanded engagement and collaboration with Family, Friends & Neighbors (FFN) – caregivers who care for the children of family members, friends, and neighbors.

Faribault Public Schools Early Childhood requests to hire a 30 hour/week bilingual (English and Spanish or Somali) ECFE teacher to help expand program options. In particular, this teacher will:

- Launch "ECFE on the Go," where the ECFE teacher will visit home daycares and FFN providers monthly to: highlight different areas of development; lead group times with



children; provide materials and lessons to children; and coach providers in content area activities for children.

- Add eight additional evening and weekend ECFE program options per month (as these have proven to be especially popular with families who do not otherwise attend ECFE offerings)

What will be needed to implement this proposal:

Description of Need:	Estimated Budget	Funding Source
Staffing	\$58,030	ECFE Fund Balance
Supplies	\$4,000	Healthy Community Initiative
Other - Mileage, misc. costs	\$2,000	ECFE Fund Balance
Total Estimated Budget	\$64,030	

Budget Notes:

- Staff see this as a two-year pilot (FY24 and FY25).
- The Healthy Community Initiative (HCI) has committed funding to cover the supply costs for this pilot.
- The Faribault ECFE fund balance stood at \$173,117.83 at the end of FY22; projections anticipate a similar level at the end of this fiscal year (FY23).
- The hope is that staff can actively seek grants to help defray some of the costs for Year 2.
- As a result, the aim is to spend \$100,000 or less of the ECFE fund balance over the course of this pilot.