



**Memo**

**To:** Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County  
**From:** Petra Puls, Director of Program and Evaluation  
**Date:** May 26, 2016  
**Re:** Recommendation to modify existing preschool expansion program contracts

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**Background**

In FY 2012-13, after a competitive application and review process, the Commission awarded funding for preschool expansion to three agencies. The Preschool Expansion contracts were modeled after State Preschool guidelines, providing a maximum reimbursement of \$21.22 per space per day, for 175 days per year. As a result of changes to State Preschool guidelines, these contacts were subsequently modified in FY 2014-15 to increase the reimbursement rate to \$22.28 per space per day, for up to 180 days.

In December 2015, the Commission approved FY 2016-19 allocations for these three Preschool Expansion programs, as well as directly contracting for 88 preschool spaces that were previously contracted under the QRIS contract.

The reimbursement rate for State Preschool has subsequently been increased to \$23.87 per space per day.

**Recommendation**

The recommended action is to approve an increase of the daily reimbursement rate for existing Preschool Expansion programs to align with revised State Preschool reimbursement rates. The recommended action would approve revised FY 2016-19 allocations for existing Preschool Expansion contracts. Prior year unspent funding of up to \$52,951 per year would be needed for FY 2016-19.

New contract amounts for FY 2016-19 would be as follows:

<b>Contract Agency</b>	<b>Number of Preschool Spaces</b>	<b>NEW Maximum Annual Allocation</b>	<b>NEW FY 2016-19 Total Allocation</b>
Ventura Unified School District	24	\$103,119	\$309,357
Continuing Development, Inc.	97	\$416,771	\$1,250,313
EI Centrito Family Learning Centers	24	\$103,119	\$309,357
MSRN - Inc.	40	\$171,864	\$515,592
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>\$794,873</b>	<b>\$2,384,619</b>