

Durham PreK

Program Leadership from Early Years (formerly CCSA)



Overall Public PreK Numbers for Durham County

- SY24-25 data is from January 2025
- SY23-24 data is from February 2024
- SY22-23 data is from December 2022
- EC numbers from DPS include 3-year-olds due to some mixed age classrooms

Public PreK Housed at:	SY 22-23 Capacity	SY 22-23 Enrollment Rate	SY 23-24 Capacity	SY23-24 Enrollment Rate	SY 24-25 Capacity	SY24-25 Enrollment Rate
Private Sites	510	89%	547	93%	562	92%
Head Start	183	91%	166	95%	168	99%
DPS	553	78%	563	78%	607	69%
EC	264	-	393	-	419	-
Grand Total	1510	84%	1669	87%	1756	82%



PreK Landscape in Durham County

- Recommended PreK Budget for FY2026 \$8,765,865
 - Durham PreK \$7,373,029 – flat funding
 - DPS \$1,500,000 for Whitted School
- RFP completed for the administration of Durham PreK
 - Early Years selected to continue the administration of the program
 - A five-year contract with Early Years proposed for approval

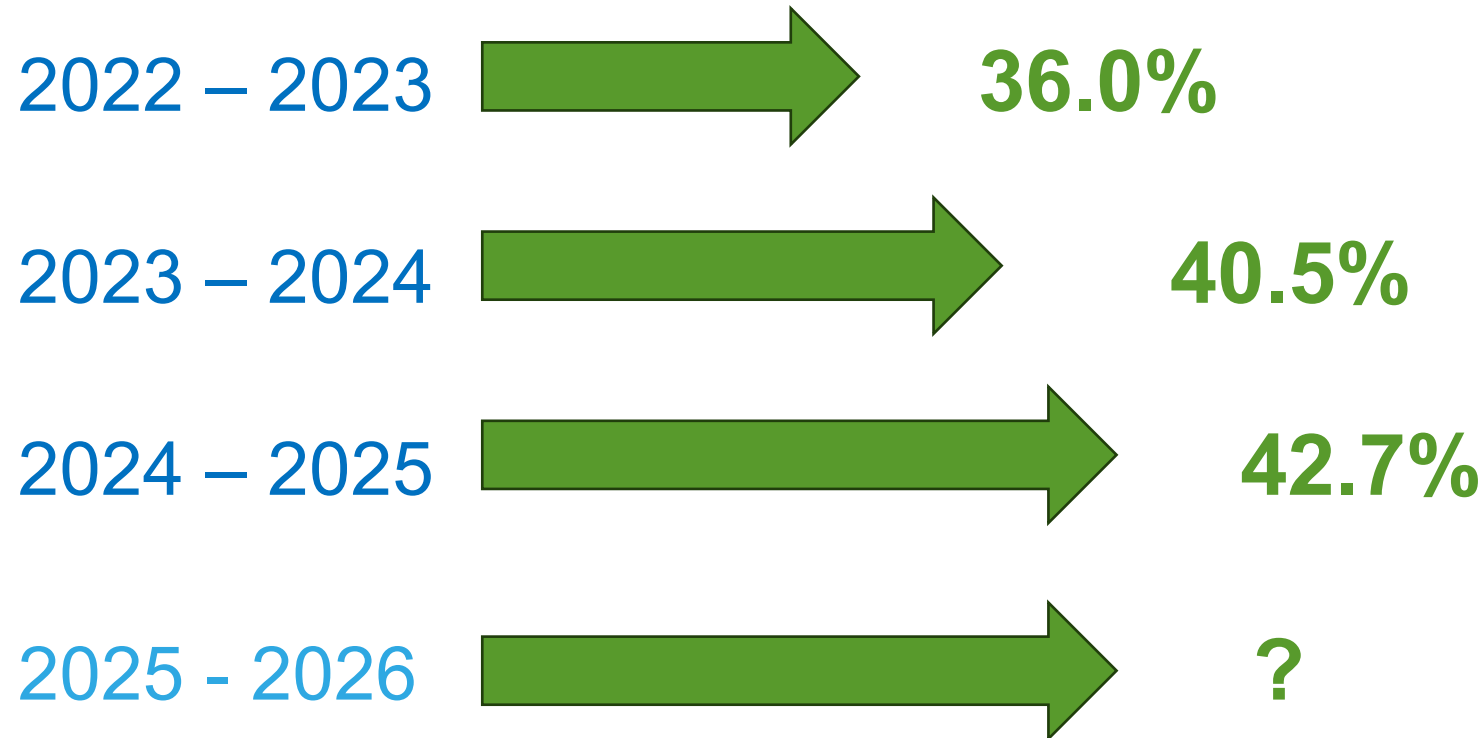


Durham PreK Highlights

2024 – 2025 School Year

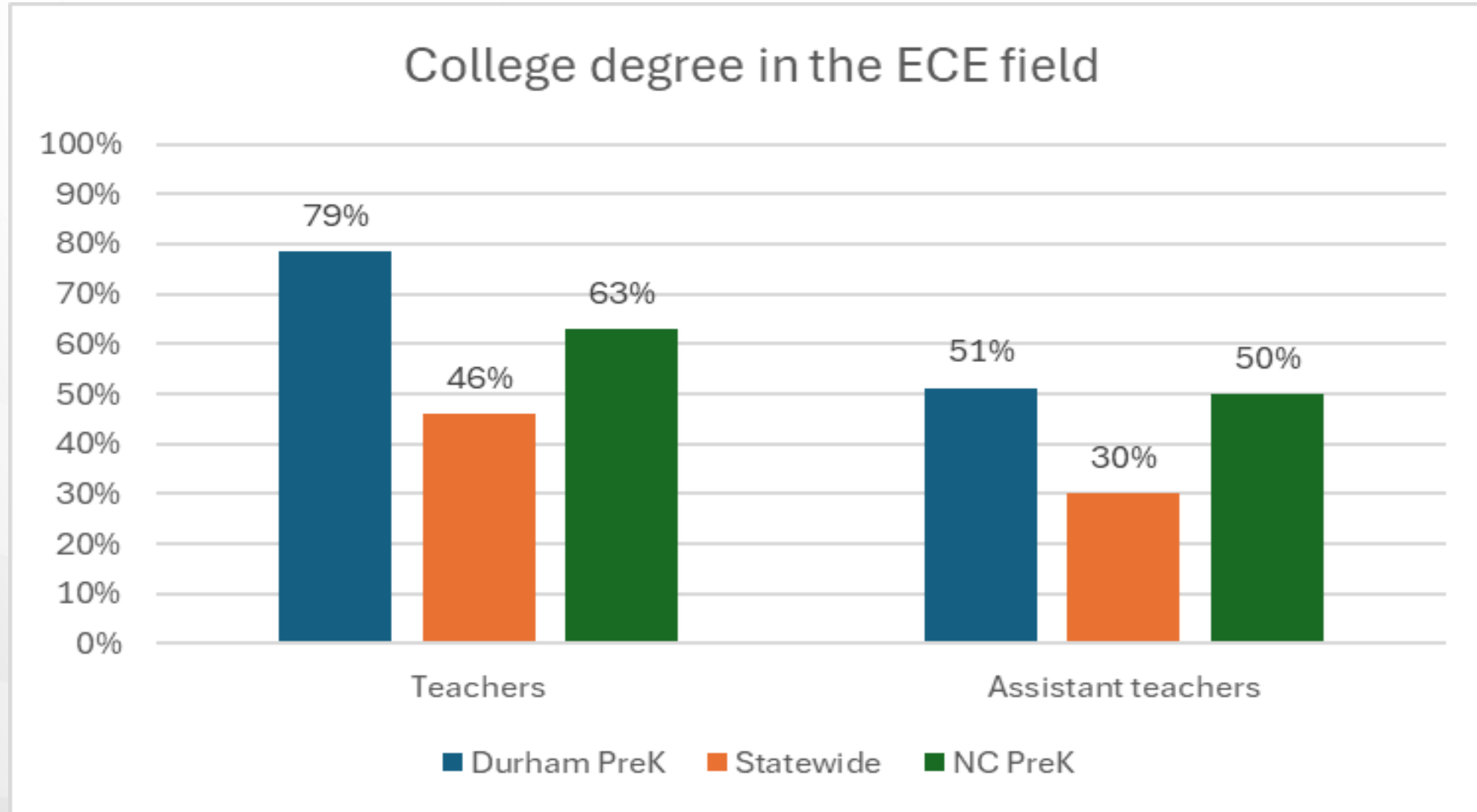
- 1756 Public Preschool Seats
 - Meets 42.7% of the Local Goal for 75% of the Census of 4-year-olds
 - 658 *Locally Funded* Seats in 42 Classrooms
- 79% of Durham PreK Teachers have a Degree in Early Education
 - DPK Gold Medal for Meeting Preschool Quality Indicators
- Private Funding Expanded the Apprenticeship Program and Created a Family Child Care Study Group
- Applications Have Increased for 2025 – 2026 School Term

Durham Community Goal: Expand public preschool seats to serve up to 75% of the total four-year-old census



Educational Background

8 of 10 Durham PreK teachers and half of the assistant teachers reported having a degree in the ECE field



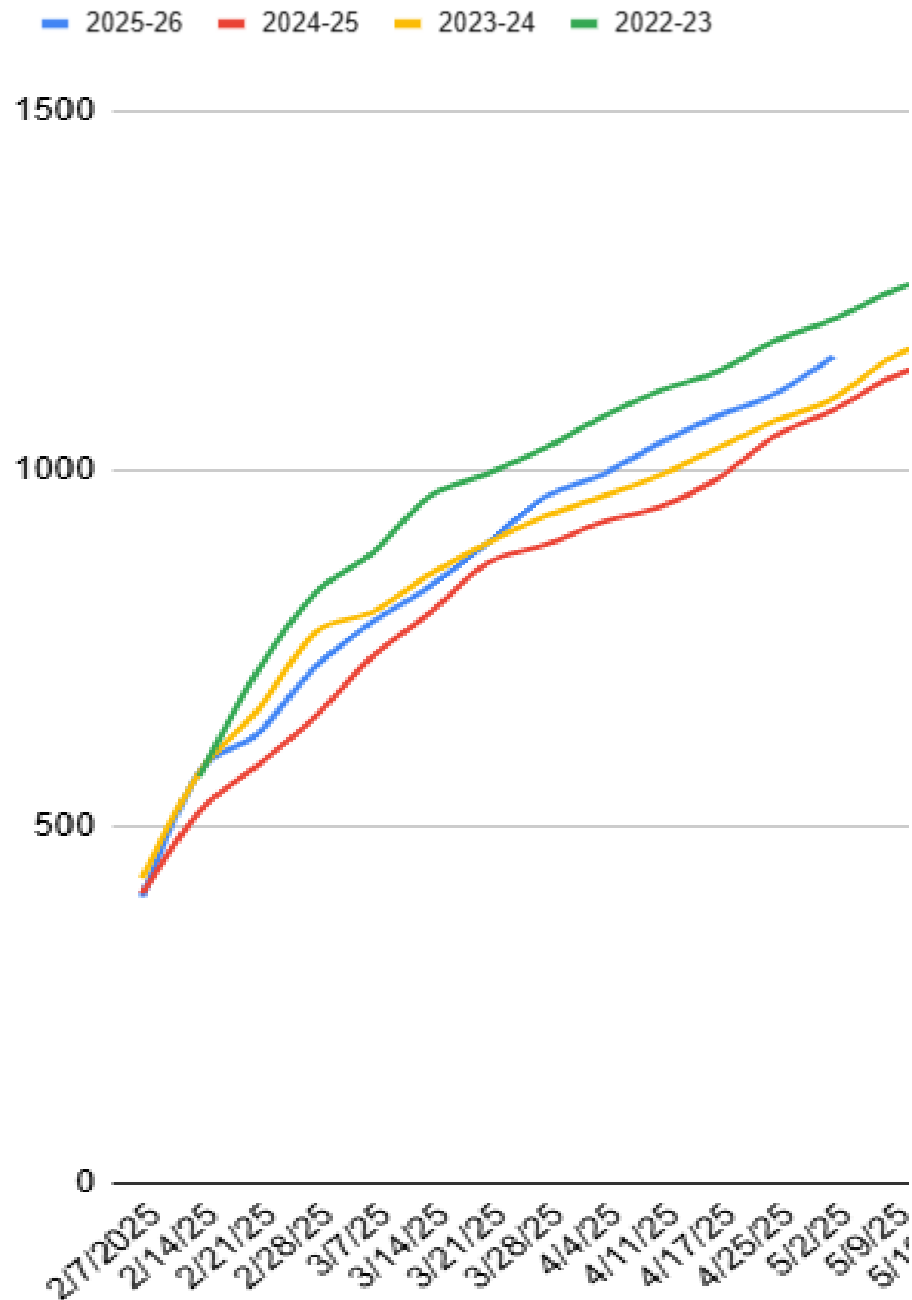
Expanded Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program

Offers a work-based, person-centered program designed to enable educators to **learn** while they **earn**

- By the numbers:
 - **40** apprentices
 - **22** mentors with an average of over 20 years of experience
 - **19** partnering employers, **22** locations in Durham
- Recent highlights:
 - Early Years secured grant funding to launch a Durham Early Educator Academy for 6-weeks in Summer 2025 in Partnership with Durham Tech as an “on-ramp” for new apprentices
 - Hosted “Exploring Bachelor’s Degree Options in Early Childhood Education” in collaboration with NCCU, UNCG, and TEACH, with 39 registered



Ms. Yanett, Apprentice and Early Head Start teacher at Randy’s, displaying her 3 Durham Tech certificates earned so far!



2025-2026 Application Numbers Have Increased

- As of 5/2/2025, 1,158 applications received
 - 7% more than this time last year
 - 5% more than this time two years ago





FY 2025-2026 Budget Highlights

FY 2024 – 2025 Budget \$7,373,029

DPK Request for 2025 – 2026 \$8,500,633

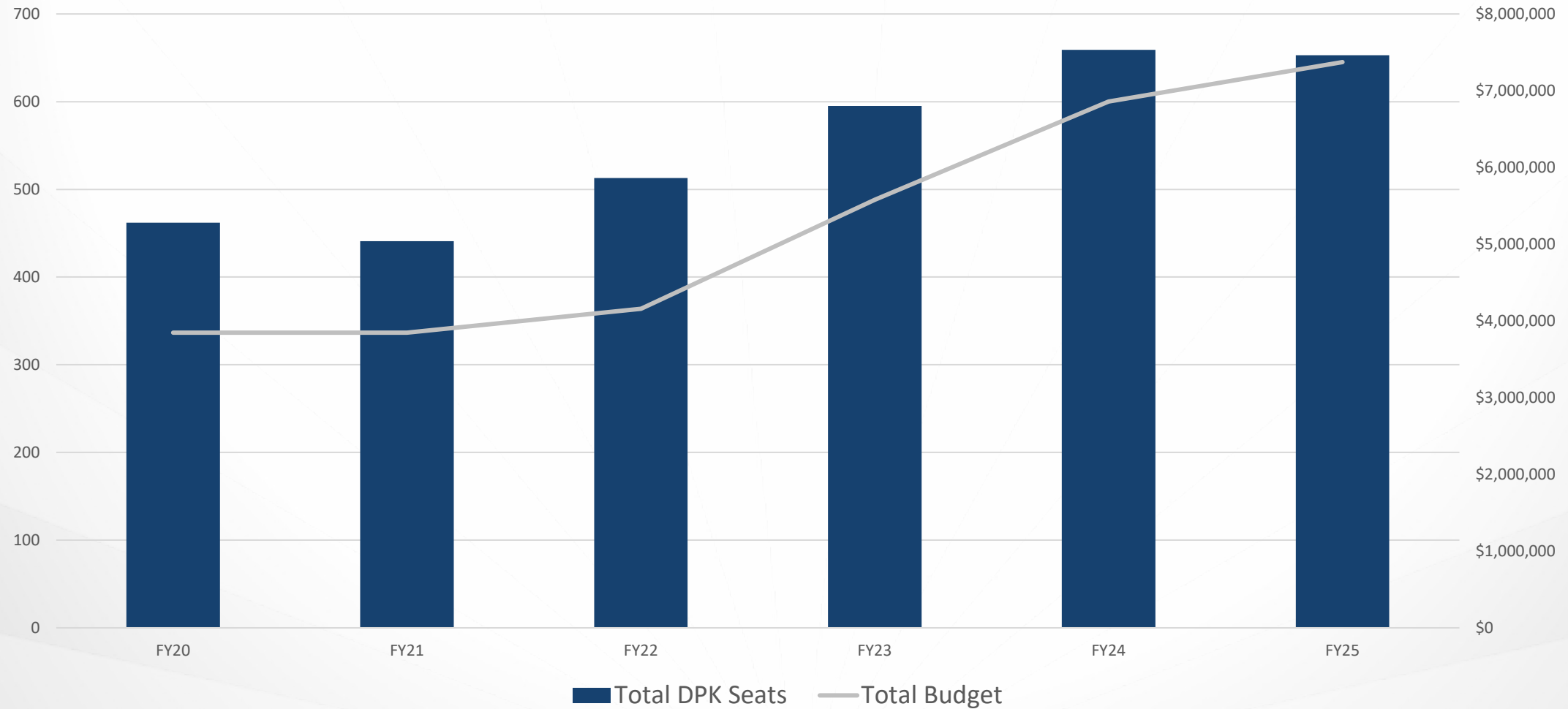
Manager's Recommended Budget \$7,373,029

Considerations:

- **Increase in Reimbursement Rates Due to Inflation**
- **Required Teacher Salary Increases and Staff Benefit Costs**
- **Loss of Seats**



Number of Durham PreK Seats With Budget





Program Cuts

To Meet Budget, Seat Allocations will be Reduced

Durham PreK Governance Voted to Make Program Cuts as needed in this order:

1. Instructional Staff Bonuses
2. 4% Increase in the Per Month Child Reimbursement
3. Seat Allocations
4. Implementation of the base teacher support payment
5. Before and After School “Wrap Care” for Financially Eligible Children

Required teacher raises must be implemented.



Program Services

To Meet Budget, Program Services will be Reduced by Early Years

Program Cuts will be made in this Order:

1. Program and other Supplies
2. Professional Facilitation for Collaboration Activities with Partner Agencies
3. Personnel Cost of Living Increase
4. Professional Development for Teachers and Staff
5. Family Outreach Activities
6. Program Marketing
7. Apprenticeship Program
8. Technical Assistance to Classrooms
9. Data Tracking, Monitoring and Payment Processing
10. DPK Family Support Staff
11. Costs for the Universal Family Enrollment Portal
12. Personnel Costs and Expenses for Operating the 800-phone Line

Required increases in staff benefit payments must be implemented



Questions and Discussion