**October 6, 2021**

**For Council discussion and vote**

Motion:

1. Request that the Council allocate up to $65,000 for a contractor to conduct a data project to gather feedback from New Haven families that would inform future planning around early care and education.
2. Request that the Council establish an ad hoc committee to solicit and review proposals from research partners and make a recommendation to the full Council regarding the preferred partner for the project.

Background:

The Council has $100,000 set aside for efforts to understand parents’ needs and preferences around early care and education. This project would be paid for from these funds.

We anticipate that there will be additional state and federal funding for early care and education in the coming year. The Executive Committee is recommending that we gather data directly from parents about their needs and preferences so that our future planning is grounded in parent voice. We are aware of several research groups/institutions that do this work, and want to develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select the contractor for the project.

Recommended Council Process:

* Develop and distribute the RFP.
* Community Partners and local research institutions can submit a response to the RFP.
* An ad hoc committee of the Council will review responses and make recommendations based on established proposal requirements and submit a recommendation to the full Council for approval.
* Any current Council members who do not have a conflict of interest may volunteer for this committee.