

KHEEA: Grades and KEES (Erin Klarer)

PROJECTED LOWER GPA's:

Although the data is preliminary, reports of increasing failing grades are disproportionately appearing for low-income students, students of color, and English-language learners, especially in our metropolitan areas.

APPROPRIATELY FAIR:

This is a fair bill for all students, regardless of socio-economic status or residential area, that if they were not able to achieve their best Cumulative GPA during this school year, they can replace that GPA with a higher score for KEES award calculations when learning can occur in more stable environments.

ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT:

This is a one-time adjustment to the KEES program for COVID-19 purposes only.

MINIMAL COST:

This should not substantially increase the cost of the KEES program:

- A 2.5 GPA raising to a 3.0 is only \$125 per student and would first be recognized budgetarily by Seniors in high school.
- Underclass adjustments would phase-in via the budget over the next 4 years.
- This may adjust the KEES budget by \$1 to \$2 million dollars each year, which is manageable by KHEEA.