

Public PreK and the Education Fund

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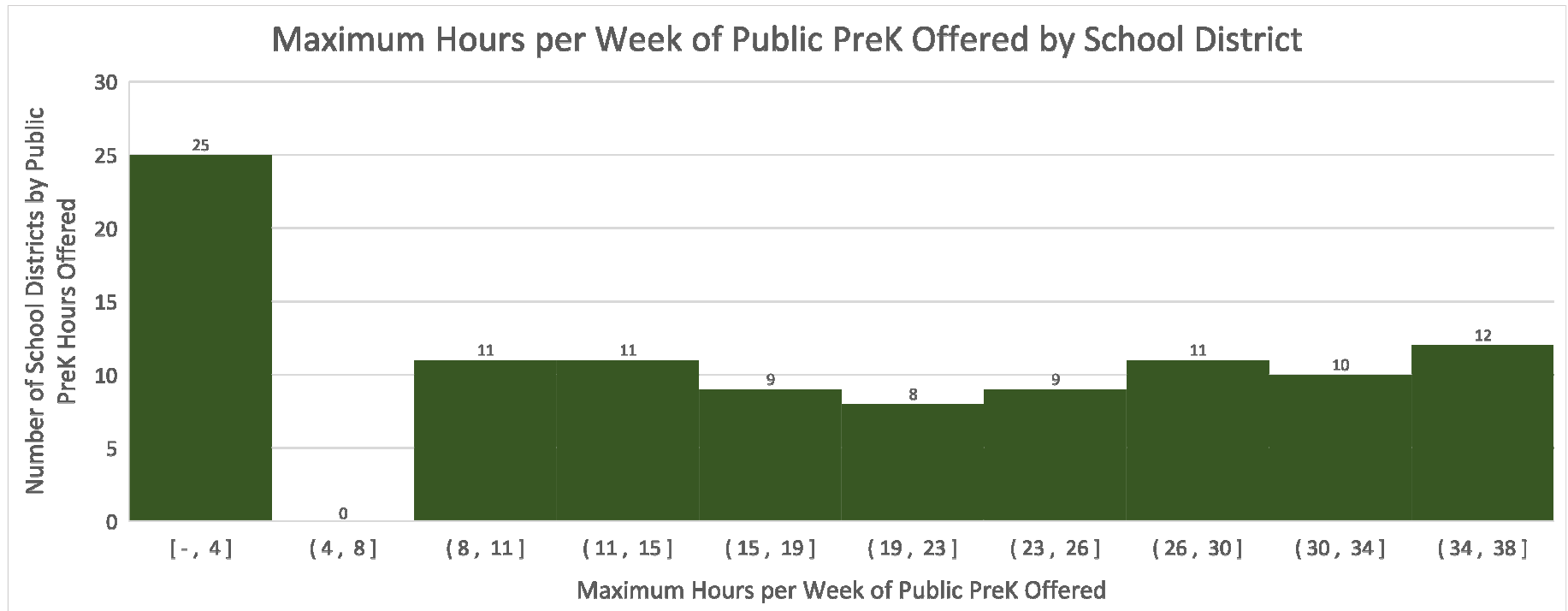


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- PreK costs and offerings vary by school district decisions and parent decisions
 - Some school districts offer full day PreK programs, others do not.
 - Parents can decide where to send their child for PreK.



Public PreK Hours Vary By District



Notes:

- This chart only refers to the hours of public PreK and does not include hours at private providers.
- These data were collected from an informal survey of business managers and should not be considered comprehensive.

Source: Informal survey of business managers by AOE; Analysis by JFO



Estimate of Public PreK to the Education Fund

- **JFO estimates the expansion of the public prekindergarten program for 4 year-olds as outlined in H.208 will cost an additional approximately \$40 million to the Education Fund**
 - Absent any other changes in policy, the base homestead yield and/or base non-homestead tax rate would need to be adjusted
- This estimate is based on a number of assumptions, any of which may significantly impact the fiscal estimate
 - Required facility renovation and construction needs and costs remain unknown
 - There are significant data constraints
 - The estimate assumes current spending patterns
 - The estimate is based on current levels of education spending per equalized pupil
 - The estimate uses current PreK expenditures
 - Local spending decisions are unknown
- This estimate does not include the potential fiscal impact of public PreK on other programs or sectors



Questions?

