

Materials for the 1030 tomorrow

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Hi Emma!

Hope you're staying cool! Materials for the 1030 tomorrow attached!

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RE: 248395 | External Referral MCFD

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Attachments: 260932 Monica Xia TR final.docx
Hello!

I checked with staff and don't recommend we respond to this EDUC re-direct. This individual has contacted staff and just recently we responded! See attached Telephone response. 😊

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Good morning, just following up on this one too! Thanks, Penny

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Subject: 248395 | External Referral MCFD

Hi there,

EDUC is forwarding the incoming below for your review, thx.

From: Monica Xia <s.22>
Sent: June 24, 2021 10:42 AM
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Cc: Binda Zhang <s.22>
Subject: Need MLA's support for 115 new spaces child care center in central New Westminster

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Dear Minister,

We would like to get your help and support for our project to build a brand new high-quality child care center in uptown New Westminster. Our project aims to create 115 new child care spaces in an AAA high quality new office building and 23 full-time equivalent jobs, and our estimated open date is Spring/Summer 2022, which will help more than 100 New Westminster families with their immediate needs in child care spaces and restart BC.

We have done all the ground work, contacting Fraser Health for preliminary approval, contacting the city to clear zoning and parking issues, engaging the architect to conduct draft planning for the spaces, working with the landlord on lease terms; and everything comes back positively and our project would start if we can clear the last and most important issue - able to qualify and join the CCFRI initiative. We are supporter for general fee reduction, and we also believe that the child care quality should not be impaired by fee restrictions. We have done a detailed financial projection, and we have proposed fees that already lower than similar full service early learning centers in central

New Westminster area who are already in the program. However, we were told by the CCFRI program that we are not qualified to enroll, as for a brand new facility, we have to charge at or below the unrealistic fees the program targets. With further communications with the CCFRI program manager, we learned that the data pool to calculate the regional 70th percentile fees for the CCFRI program doesn't take consideration of the below key factors, which are keys to determine a child care center's fees.

- Age of existing child care facility. An old fully amortized child care center could definitely charge less fees.
- The actual location of the studied child care facilities. As we all know, uptown and downtown central commercial spaces are much more expensive to lease than rural areas or industrial type of buildings. The region is also too big, and the lease rates have huge differences.
- The types of service are also not considered. Centers providing meals will have a different cost and fee structure than the centers with no meals. Whether the child care center provides extra curriculums are also not considered.
- The funding source for the studied child care centers is not considered. The capital funding source to build the child care center varies, the public centers were built by government funding, and many existing child care centers received either BC New Space Funding or the previous child care capital funding in the past. However, none of these fundings now is available to brand new private child care centers, and fees are unfairly compared without taking count of it.

We expressed our opinion to CCFRI team that only families who can find licensed child care spaces would ever receive the CCFRI benefit, with today's huge gap between families' demand and not enough available child spaces, the fact is that only a small percentage of the BCers / New Westminster citizens can actually receive the child care benefits. As we would fund the entire 115 new spaces without the government's contribution, we feel we are contributing and providing solutions to our community. However, without the government and the Ministers' support to help us enroll in the CCFRI program with our proposed fee structures, we simply can't make it happen, as we will be operating at loss at the fees required from the program.

I really hope to get your attention and help. The New Westminster families need more qualified child care spaces, and we can help with the 115 new spaces, and we need your support to make an exception to qualify the CCFRI program. We will need to decide on the lease soon, please help.

Thank you!

Monica

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MINISTRY OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

TELEPHONE RESPONSE RECORD

CLIFF Reference #: 260932

Date of Telephone Call: July 2, 2021

Time of Call: 2:15pm

To Whom Call Was Made: Monica Xia, ^{s.22}

CALL DETAILS: Executive Director (ED) of the Child Care Capital, Community, and ECE Registry Services Branch, Manager of Child Care Policy and A/Manager of the Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) Program called Ms. Xia in response to her July 2 email exchange with Hon. Minister Katrina Chen's office regarding her facility's participation in the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI).

Background:

- The CCFRI provides funding to eligible, licensed child care providers to reduce and stabilize monthly parent fees.
- Participation in the CCFRI is optional, and providers must apply to participate.
- In order to receive the Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement (ECE-WE), facilities must first be approved for CCFRI if eligible.
- In January 2021, the 2021/22 CCFRI Funding Guidelines announced that New, New-to-CCFRI and Modified facilities would have to set fees at the Regional 70th Percentile in order to participate, unless:
 - New Facilities applied for provincial funding to create new licensed spaces prior to April 1, 2021, and were approved for this funding
 - The provider can prove that significant steps have already been taken (such as signing a lease or mortgage) to create a new facility prior to the announcement of the policy change; the new facility will be open and operational by October 1, 2021; and sets fees that are only slightly higher than the Regional 70th Percentile.
- Ministry staff spoke with Ms. Xia over the phone on two prior occasions (May 25 and 31, see Cliff #260201) and provided a written response on June 30 advising Ms. Xia that although we anticipate that the facility she plans to open in spring/summer 2022 will be required to set fees at the Regional 70th Percentile, we are unable to provide a decision prior to the submission of her application.

July 2, 2021 telephone call:

- Ms. Xia explained that she and her business partner are needing to decide whether to sign a commercial lease and continue investing in their "high-end" (local competitors include CEFA and Willowbrae Academy) child care facility of 115 spaces in New Westminster which would be operational by next summer.

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- Ms. Xia explained that the facility she is planning to create is not viable with fees at the 70th percentile because of start-up costs and amortization, and to compare her facility's fees to those of existing providers is unfair as their costs have been fully amortized.
- Ministry acknowledged Ms. Xia's point and inquired whether she had considered making some of the services (such as meals or activities) optional at the facility in order to reduce the mandatory parent fee.
- Ms. Xia advised that this is not possible due to food safety requirements at a large facility like hers.
- Ms. Xia advised that requiring New Facilities to charge the Regional 70th Percentile fee while allowing other facilities already approved for CCFRI to charge above the 70th Percentile creates a competitive disadvantage where her facility is neither viable at the 70th Percentile nor without CCFRI/ECE-WE.
- Ms. Xia suggested requiring all child care facilities charging above the 70th Percentile to be subject to the same requirement in order to ensure fair competition in the market.
- Ministry staff confirmed our understanding of her perspective and indicated that, at this time, we are unable to provide a definitive answer as to whether their facility would meet the CCFRI policy in 2022/23 or if they could be considered for an exception.
- Ms. Xia understood and acknowledged that she is likely faced with a decision whether to continue with their business plan or not in absence of a decision from the Ministry.
- Ministry staff committed to capturing her feedback and sharing it with our colleagues for future consideration.

Follow Up Required?: No.

COMMENTS: The tone of the call was pleasant and informative. Ms. Xia expressed her views and concerns in a very thoughtful manner and the call ended respectfully.

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
DECISION BRIEFING NOTE

DATE: July 14, 2021

CLIFF: 248280

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister – **FOR DECISION**

SUBJECT: Early Learning

PURPOSE: Seeking approval to expend child care contingency funds in FY 2021/22 through expansion of Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot projects.

BACKGROUND:

- In 2019/20, the Ministry of Education (EDUC) implemented a Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot (Pilot), creating school age care spaces in classrooms to support continuity of learning (see Appendix A: Overview of Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot).
- EDUC provided seed funding to SD53 (Okanagan-Similkameen) for the Pilot in 2019/20 and expanded funding in 2020/21 to three additional districts. New districts have expressed interested in participating in the Pilot (see Appendix B: Interested Districts and Selection Process).
- Section 85.2 of the *School Act* enables boards to offer before-and-after school care on board property to enrolled students on a cost-recovery basis.
- The Province announced 20 more Seamless Day pilot sites will be added in 2021/22.

DISCUSSION:

- The Budget 2021 Letter indicates that Treasury Board (TB) approved funding for up to \$4.272M in 2021/22 Notional Contingencies to expand the Pilot program to 24 district sites.
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- \$1.424M will be spent in FY 2021/22 s.12; s.17
s.12; s.17 (See Appendix C: FY 2021/22 Budget Breakdown).
- All school districts participating in the pilot will receive a \$50K grant within this fiscal to support operations. The remaining \$224K (of \$1.424M) is for additional staffing resources and non-staffing administrative costs.
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- Pilot sites use grants for operational start-up costs, relief support salaries, supplies, and services. Grants partially pay for ECEs salary and benefit costs and Boards supplement this.
- 23 Boards and an Independent School Authority have expressed interest in participating in the Pilot expansion (see Appendix B: Interested Districts and Selection Process).
- Expansion pilots will open in fall 2021^{s.12}
s.12 (See Appendix D: Implementation Plan).

OPTIONS:

Option 1: Approve \$1.424M of the contingency expenditure to enable project implementation and engage in partnership agreements with the new school districts.

Pros:

- Supports continuity of learning across the day for students in 20 more schools.
- Enables boards to establish board-operated child care programs.

Cons:

- Program is an expensive model for child care.
- Labour implications need to be considered with BC Public School Employers Association.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

\$1.424M of the \$4.272M contingency funding will be spent in FY 2021/22 (see Appendix C).^{s.12}
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND PRIVACY IMPLICATIONS:

A Privacy Impact Assessment will be completed. No IT systems impacts identified at this time.

LINKS TO OTHER MINISTRIES:

Ministries of Children and Family Development and Health have supported plan development.

RECOMMENDATION:

Option: **1**

Approved/Not Approved
Jennifer Whiteside
Minister

Date Signed

Attachments:

1. Appendix A: Overview of Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot
2. Appendix B: List of Interested Districts and Selection Process
3. Appendix C: FY 2021/22 Childcare BC Budget Seamless Day Funding Request Breakdown
4. Appendix D: Implementation plan

Program ADM/Branch: Jennifer McCrea, Assistant Deputy Minister, Learning Division

Program Contact (for content): Angie Calleberg, Director, Early Learning

Drafter: Kira Reynolds, Manager, Early Learning

Date: June 22, 2021

Appendix A: Overview of Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot

The Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot is modeled after Ontario's seamless day for 4- and 5-year-olds, where certified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) provide before-and-after school care and support learning alongside the classroom teacher.

In BC, the Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot operates in four school districts to provide continuity of learning for students for the full day.

1. SD53: Okanagan Similkameen
2. SD45: Sunshine Coast
3. SD46: West Vancouver
4. SD69: Qualicum

Boards may only operate child care on a cost-recovery basis and are expected to charge parent fees for any before-and-after school care services they provide. To assist with operating costs, boards can apply for government operating funding/fee reduction programs through the Ministry of Children and Family Development and allow parents who qualify for subsidy benefits to enroll.

May 2021 amendments to the Child Care Licensing Regulation created a new School Age Care on School Grounds category which streamline the licensing process for boards offering before-and-after school care.

In contrast to other early care and learning spaces, the model does not require capital start-up funding, since the program runs in existing classrooms.

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Appendix B: List of Interested Districts and Selection Process

School districts that have expressed interest and are proposed for selection in the Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot as of June 22, 2021.

*confirmed status means that the district has met all selection criteria and is ready to partner with the Ministry

Metro school districts	Status
SD 39 – Vancouver	confirmed
SD 40 – New Westminster	confirmed
SD 48 – Sea to Sky	awaiting confirmation
SD 93 – Conseil scolaire francophone (CSF)	confirmed
Fraser Valley school districts	Status
SD 35 – Langley	confirmed
SD 33 – Chilliwack	confirmed
Vancouver Island school districts	Status
SD 62 – Sooke	confirmed
SD 64 – Gulf Islands*	confirmed
SD 68 – Nanaimo-Ladysmith	confirmed
Kootenay Boundary school districts	Status
SD 08 – Kootenay Lakes*	confirmed
SD 10 – Arrow Lakes*	confirmed
SD 50 – Haida Gwaii*	confirmed
SD 91 – Nechako Lakes*	confirmed
SD 60 – Peace River North*	confirmed
Thompson-Okanagan school districts	Status
SD 22 – Vernon	confirmed
SD 23 – Central Okanagan	confirmed
SD 73 – Kamloops-Thompson	confirmed
SD 74 – Gold Trail*	confirmed
SD 83 – North Okanagan-Shuswap	confirmed
Independent school:	Status
Society of Christian Schools BC (2 schools)	confirmed

*Denotes rural/remote

Schools districts continuing as Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilots into FY 2021/22.

Current Pilot Sites	School Name	Status	Open Date
SD 53 – Okanagan-Similkameen	Oliver Elementary	Confirmed	Sep 2019
SD 45 – Sunshine Coast	West Sechelt Elementary	Confirmed	Mar 2021
SD 46 – West Vancouver	Hollyburn Elementary	Confirmed	Apr 2021
SD 69 – Qualicum	Forest Park Elementary	Confirmed	Sep 2021

Pilot Site Selection Process:**School districts have been selected based on:**

- Expression of interest data based on an 'Expanding before and after school environmental scan completed in May/June 2020' (54 out of 60 school districts responded)
- Geographical representation
- Rural and remote locations
- Meeting the criteria (i.e. suitable location, Kindergarten teacher who chooses to participate, approval from District Leadership and Board of Education or Independent School Authority) for school districts interested in implementation of the Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot (criteria approved by the Director and Assistant Deputy Minister in the Learning Division)
- The number of EDUC Early Learning grants given to the school district (i.e. for other EDUC child care BC initiatives such as "Changing Results for Young Children" and/or "Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Transitions" projects)

Process for contacting school district Superintendents/district Leadership Teams:

- Sent an initial email confirming the school district expression of interest based on their responses to the environmental scan May/June 2020
- Established a time and date for a Zoom call with the school district Leadership team (most often the Superintendent and District Staff were on the Zoom call which lasted about 1 hour)
- School District Leadership Teams moved forward meeting the criteria (e.g., confirm Board of Education approval)
- School districts emailed confirmation when all criteria were met
- When all criteria were met, they were added to the list of "CONFIRMED SCHOOL DISTRICTS" (indicating they are ready for Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot implementation)
- NOTE: All school districts are aware EDUC is not able to confirm Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot grants until the funding is in place and selections are finalized. Once approved for the pilot, school districts will have completed the groundwork, including beginning the process of licensing the classrooms.
- Confirmed and interested school districts were offered on-going support through individual Zoom meetings and a series of Seamless Day Information Sessions that included topics such as Human Resource concerns, budgeting, licensing, accessing the revenue streams, applying for MCFD grants and parent subsidies, and building a community of practice.

Appendix C: FY 2021/22 Budget Breakdown

Seamless Day	21/22
Existing – 4 sites; grants to districts	\$200K
New – 20 sites; grants to districts	\$1M ⁱ
Administrative – 1 Executive Director	\$139K
Estimated non-staffing administrative costs	\$85K ⁱⁱ
TOTAL	\$1.424M

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Appendix D: Implementation Plan

DELIVERABLE/MILESTONE	TARGET DATE	STATUS
Confirm preferred implementation approach (Approved ADM Briefing Note/Cliff #247592)	Jun 18, 2021	Complete
Initial site selection based on readiness and interest	Jun 30, 2021	Complete
Confirm funding envelope	Jul 30, 2021	
Complete Privacy Impact Assessment	Jul 30, 2021	
Notify selected sites	Aug 16, 2021	
Selected sites seek a child care license, develops a budget, and begins hiring process	Aug 19 – Oct 30, 2021	
Establish a community of practice/Advisory group s.12	Aug 30, 2021	
Establish research and evaluation framework	Sep 30, 2021	
Contract with an external evaluator for research and evaluation	Oct 15, 2021	
20 new Seamless Day Pilot sites are open and operational	Nov 1, 2021	
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FW: A Practical Guide for Universal Child Care in BC

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Sent: May 11, 2021 12:30:42 PM PDT
Attachments: A Practical Guide for Universal Child Care in British Columbia.pdf

Hi Anna,

We received this "Practical Guide for Universal Child Care in BC" from the Child Care Professionals of BC in the Minister's Inbox. I wasn't sure if it is something that should be passed along to MJW or if they would be sending as an FYI and I should info/file? Let me know your thoughts!

Thanks,
Breanne

From: Child Care Professionals of BC <ccpofbc@gmail.com>

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Subject: A Practical Guide for Universal Child Care in BC

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Good morning,

Please find attached CCPBC's "Practical Guide for Universal Child Care in BC", for your perusal.

Yours,

Pamela Wallberg

on behalf of the CCPBC

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FW: MJW Material | Weekly CC

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Hi Jen,

Sorry to bother you on a Sunday. IS the attached version of the Governance Options the most recent version? MJW is asking me.

I believe it is but the date wasn't updated in the document name. If you can confirm that would be fabulous.

Thanks so much!

Anna

From: Carling, Emma EDUC:EX <Emma.Carling@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: MJW Material | Weekly CC

Importance: High

Good morning

Attached are the material for this afternoon's Weekly Child Care briefing.

The material has also been saved to the [LAN](#).

Thank you

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FW: Governance and Service Delivery RFD

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Sent: May 30, 2021 4:01:41 PM PDT
Attachments: RFD (Governance Options) and Apps A-I, 28May.docx, PP ECL Gov-ServDel PPT May 28 yellow final.pptx

Hi Minister,

Connected with Jen McCrea and she sent me the latest version attached (with new powerpoint as well), which were updated late on Friday.

Sincerely,

Anna

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Anna Lindsay-Baugh (*she/her*)
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Subject: Governance and Service Delivery RFD

Hi Kevena and Jennifer –

Attached is the material for our next Ministers' briefing on the Governance and Service Delivery. Final materials are due on the 2nd by noon.

The yellow-highlights indicate changes made to the version which was last seen by the Ministers. Further down you will find detailed information on the edits and here is the summary:

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Thank you to the amazing joint policy team for continuing to move us closer to the final. And in particular thank you to Susan who kept it all together with an incredible number of edits and input! Happy weekend!
Aleks

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Child Care Governance Cab Sub

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Sent: June 1, 2021 7:06:07 PM PDT
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Hi Amber, Geoff, and Jon,

Attached is the “final” version of our governance cab sub. The three ministers are doing a final sign off this evening but we aren’t expecting additional changes.

Apologies for the short notice but we will be sending it to cab ops tomorrow (Wednesday) at noon.

We’ve received the request for the PJH briefing on Monday but I wanted to give you a chance to review it before then in case there were any flags.

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Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

Best,
Sarena

Sarena Talbot (she/her)
Senior Ministerial Advisor
The Hon. Katrina Chen

Minister of State for Child Care

Grateful to be living, learning and working on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples.

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MJW Material | YMCA June 7

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Attachments: 246881 MN Meeting with YMCA.pdf

Good afternoon

Material for Monday's meeting with YMCA is attached.

The material has also been saved to the [LAN](#).

Thank you

Emma Carling | Documents Coordinator

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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
MEETING NOTE

CLIFF: 256881
PREPARED FOR: Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, Minister
MEETING DATE: June 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.
MEETING WITH: YMCAs of BC
ATTENDEES: Brenda Kent on behalf of the YMCAs of BC
Amanda Alexander, YMCA of Northern BC
Craig Sheather, YMCA of Greater Vancouver
MEETING PURPOSE: Engagement on early care and learning strategy

BACKGROUND:

- The YMCAs represent the largest provider of high quality, licensed child care in the B.C. with over 3,500 preschool and school age spaces in 20 municipalities, employing over 750 child care staff. They are opening 640 new spaces this year. The YMCAs access MCFD funding including the New Spaces Fund, operating funding and fee reduction programs and they support parents who qualify for subsidies to enroll in their programs.
- The YMCAs prioritize healthy child development and parent engagement through their play-based curriculum, national standards and child protection policies. Their early years curriculum, *Playing to Learn™*, and their school age curriculum, *A Place to Connect™*, are grounded in research, rigorously evaluated, and aligned with B.C.'s Early Learning Framework. Their curriculum is founded on supporting a child's learning through their natural desire to play.
- In support of the Childcare BC Plan, the YMCAs operate Universal Child Care prototype sites and Child Care Resource and Referral programs.
- The YMCAs increase affordability through YMCA financial assistance and they have continued to deliver essential child care through COVID-19.

DISCUSSION:

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KEY MESSAGES:

- Government is committed to making strides in increasing access to before- and after school care, including moving child care to the Ministry of Education, where we already have a well-established universal education program.
- Our respective Ministries of Education and Children and Family Development are working together to develop a strategy and plan for the transition to integrate child care in a thoughtful and effective way.
- To prepare for the move by 2023, we are ensuring school districts have the supports they need to increase capacity and play a stronger role in providing early care and learning services, including strengthening partnerships with care providers.
- We are committed to engaging key stakeholders, Indigenous rightsholders and partner groups in the broader early care and learning sector and with school district staff, however it may be a few more months before an engagement strategy will be finalized.
- Consultation with district leadership and the broader early care and learning sector will be a priority to ensure we achieve this vision in the most seamless way possible, and we look forward to working with organizations such as YMCAs in the months ahead.
- In the Provincial Budget 2021, the Province reinforced its commitment to doubling the number of \$10-a-day child care spaces and raising wages for early childhood educators.
- In the federal Budget 2021, the Government of Canada committed to working with provincial, territorial and Indigenous partners to build a Canada-wide system of quality child care. To achieve this vision, the federal government proposed new investments totaling up to \$30 billion over the next 5 years, which includes support for improving and expanding before- and after-school care. The Province is committed to working with Canada to achieve these goals.

Attachment:

1. YMCAs of BC Child Care in B.C.s Schools Brief (February 2021)

Program ADM/Branch: Jennifer McCrea, Assistant Deputy Minister, Learning Division

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Drafter: Kira Reynolds, Manager

Date: May 23, 2021



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FW: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21

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Sent: June 3, 2021 4:12:52 PM PDT
Attachments: KM-QA_CC_OIC_03Jun21_KR edits.docx,
NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21-LD edit (002).docx

Also sharing their updated KM/QA doc for this announcement, attached here.

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Subject: FW: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21
Hello, heads up that MCFD has significantly updated this NR and is now looking to get it out a week early, on June 10. No changes to MJW's quote.
Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.
Thanks,
Scott

From: McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX
Sent: June 3, 2021 12:10 PM
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Subject: RE: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21
Hi Jenn, heads up MCFD is looking to get this out a week early – on June 10.
Any concerns before I send this up to the MO?
Thanks,
Scott

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Subject: FW: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21
Hi Jenn, MCFD has significantly changed the attached child care expansion NR. Angie has reviewed and made a minor edit. Anything from you?

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Subject: RE: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21
Hi Scott,
One minor edits is suggested. Otherwise it looks great.
Thanks, Angie

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Subject: NR_Child_Care_Expansion_May17_tracked_1Jun21

Good morning, we just received a revised news release from MCFD with significant changes. Hoping you can take a look this morning, and I'll send to Jenn after that.

Thanks as always!

Scott

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Attachments: RFD (Governance Options) and App A-H FINAL .pdf, PP ECL GovServ Del PPT - Speaking Notes 3June.docx, PP ECL GovServ Del Questions and Answers 3June.docx, PP ECL Gov-ServDel PPT June 2 - Final.pptx

Good afternoon

We've received the attached documents from MCFD, and I just wanted to ensure you'd received as well. These will be discussed at both CC prep meetings on Monday (8:10 and 3:00).

The material has also been saved to the LAN.

Thank you

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Attachments: PP ECL GovServ Del Questions and Answers June9.docx
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New Final - CFD NR - More licensed child care options coming to B.C. families

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Sent: June 10, 2021 9:02:39 AM PDT
Attachments: 2021CFD0038-001127.pdf

Hello, have attached the final NR for the child care announcement, with a suggested tweet for MJW below:
Great news for families! We're making changes to allow for more child care programs on school grounds giving parents increased access to the care they need and deserve. #bcd #ChildcareBC @adriandix @KatrinaCBurnaby
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/24659>

Thanks,
Scott

NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release
2021CFD0038-001127
June 10, 2021

Ministry of Children and Family Development
Ministry of Health
Ministry of Education

More licensed child care options coming to B.C. families

VICTORIA – Families will have new options for child care on school grounds and through recreation-based programs, thanks to recent changes to the Province’s Child Care Licensing Regulation.

“Giving families better access to quality, licensed child care is a key part of our Childcare BC plan for inclusive, universal child care,” said Katrina Chen, Minister of State for Child Care. “For too long there were barriers to creating child care spaces on school grounds. Last year’s changes to the School Act combined with these regulation improvements will enable more child care programs to be offered on school grounds and through local recreation programs, making pickups and drop-offs easier for parents and giving kids a safe place to go after school.”

To support access to quality child care, the Province is creating two new licensing categories in the regulations: school-age care on school grounds and recreational care.

“This is good news for people around B.C. who are seeking child care supports,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. “Our government is taking strong action to provide assistance to families who need child care and these changes by the Ministry of Health, in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Children and Family Development, will go a long way in helping both those with children and those places that offer child care programs.”

Child care providers operating licensed child care under the new School Age Care on School Grounds category will be exempt from requirements related to minimum amount of usable floor space, washroom facilities and outdoor play areas because schools are already designed to be safe for children.

This new category builds on the changes government made to the School Act that require school boards to prioritize space that is not being used for K-12 students for child care and encourage school boards to adopt an inclusive child care policy. The changes to the act and to the regulation better support school districts and partners to directly provide before- and after-school care on school grounds.

“Bringing child care and education together is a significant step in our plan to create a universal, integrated and inclusive early care and learning system here in B.C.,” said Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education. “That’s why we are giving school districts the supports they need to increase capacity and play a stronger and more seamless role in providing child care services.”

The second change to the Child Care Licensing Regulation includes the introduction of a new Recreational Care licence category that will enable flexible drop-in and after-school recreation

care programs. Recreational care is for after-school drop-in programs run by organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, the United Way and the YMCA. Providers licensed under this new category will have fewer physical space and programming restrictions.

Quotes:

Jennifer Blatherwick, chair, Tri-Cities Task Force on Child Care –

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Carolyn Tuckwell, CEO, Boys and Girls Club of South Coast BC –

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Quick Facts:

- Licensing for child care facilities is administered under the Community Care and Assisted Living Act.
- The act and the Child Care Licensing Regulation establish the minimum health and safety requirements for licensed child care providers.
- The School Age Care on School Grounds category aligns licensing regulations for school-aged children with the safety protocols that school districts already have in place.

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FYI FOR MJW: Child Care Proposal

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Sent: July 6, 2021 10:57:25 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg, BC Proposal_v12.docx

Hi, all – attached is what we believe is the agreed-upon version of the childcare proposal, however we are still awaiting confirmation from the Federal government. Please forward to MJW, as she wanted to review, and we can provide confirmation once received. Thanks.



Sheila Purdy
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FOLLOW UP: Potential Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot Sites

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Sent: July 22, 2021 8:55:22 AM PDT
Attachments: Short List Pilot Sites - by electoral district.docx, 248280 DBN-MJW_Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot (FINAL July 16 2021).pdf

Good morning – Jennifer asked me to follow up with you on this one, as they are looking for confirmation/approval that they can start to touch base with the SDs. Apparently the SDs are ready to go and staff would like to move forward with planning...thanks!

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Sent: July 19, 2021 12:30 PM

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Subject: Potential Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot Sites

Will, As discussed, please find attached a list of the confirmed Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilot sites.

Seamless Day – Kindergarten Pilot Sites

	Elementary School Name	Electoral district	MLA
Metro school districts			
SD 39 – Vancouver	s.17	Vancouver-Mt. Pleasant	Hon. Melanie Mark (NDP)
SD 40 – New Westminster	Qayqayt Elementary	New Westminster	Hon. Jennifer Whiteside (NDP)
SD 48 – Sea to Sky	s.17	West Vancouver-Sea to Sky	Jordan Sturdy (LIB)
SD 93 – Conseil scolaire francophone (CSF)	A school in Kelowna	TBD	TBD
Fraser Valley school districts			
SD 35 – Langley	Nicomekl Elementary	Langley	Andrew Mercier (NDP)
SD 33 – Chilliwack	Central Community	Chilliwack	Dan Coulter (NDP)
Vancouver Island school districts			
SD 62 – Sooke	Millstream Elementary	Langford-Juan de Fuca	Hon. John Horgan (NDP)
SD 64 – Gulf Islands*	Fulford Elementary	Saanich North and the Islands	Adam Olsen (Green)
SD 68 – Nanaimo-Ladysmith	Errington Elementary	Mid-Island Pacific Rim	Hon. Josie Osborne (NDP)
Kootenay Boundary school districts			
SD 08 – Kootenay Lakes*	Winlaw Elementary	Nelson-Creston	Brittney Anderson (NDP)
SD 10 – Arrow Lakes*	Burton Elementary	Kootenay West	Hon. Katrine Conroy (NDP)
SD 50 – Haida Gwaii*	Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary	North Coast	Jennifer Rice (NDP)
SD 91 – Nechako Lakes*	Mouse Mountain Elem.	Nechako Lakes	John Rustad (LIB)
SD 60 – Peace River North*	Taylor Elementary	Peace River North	Dan Davies (LIB)
Thompson-Okanagan school districts			
SD 22 – Vernon	Okanagan Landing Elementary	Vernon-Monashee	Harwinder Sandhu (NDP)
SD 23 – Central Okanagan	Bankhead Elementary	Kelowna lake country	Norm Letnick (LIB)
SD 73 – Kamloops Thompson	Arthur Hatton Elementary	Kamloops-north Thompson	Peter Milobar (LIB)
SD 74 – Gold Trail*	Cayoosh Elementary	Fraser-Nicola	Jackie Tegart (LIB)
SD 83 – North Okanagan Shuswap	TBC	Shuswap	Greg Kylo (LIB)
Independent school:			
Society of Christian Schools BC (2 schools)	Abbotsford Christian School AND	Abbotsford-Mission	Pam Alexis (NDP) Hon. Sheila Malcolmson

Seamless Day – Kindergarten Pilot Sites

	Nanaimo Christian School	Nanaimo	(NDP)
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*Denotes rural/remote

Schools districts continuing as Seamless Day Kindergarten Pilots into FY 2021/22.

Current Pilot Sites	School Name	Open Date	Electoral District	MLA
SD 53 – Okanagan-Similkameen	Oliver Elementary	Sep 2019	Boundary-Similkameen	Roly Russell (NDP)
SD 45 – Sunshine Coast	West Sechelt Elementary	Mar 2021	Powell-River Sunshine Coast	Hon. Nicholas Simons (NDP)
SD 46 – West Vancouver	Hollyburn Elementary	Apr 2021	West Vancouver-Capilano	Karin Kirkpatrick (LIB)
SD 69 – Qualicum	s.17	Sep 2021	Nanaimo	Hon. Sheila Malcolmson (NDP) ^a