



CHILD CARE SERVICES IN DISTRICT FACILITIES

Quality accessible and affordable child care provides significant social and economic benefit for the community. Research shows that quality child care has a direct relationship to school readiness, actively supports non-profit societies and/or associations to deliver quality, accessible and affordable child care within District facilities and grounds in keeping with Policy the Board of Education reviews, on an on-going basis, community need for child care programs and whether those programs are best provided by licensees other than the Board, the Board, or a combination of both.

The District is supportive of non-profit Child Care Services in District schools and Neighbourhood Learning Centres. Therefore, schools shall release and/or share available space for that purpose, and where possible Neighbourhood Learning Centres will incorporate designated and/or shared space for Child Care Services.

The District will provide space for non-profit child care in accordance with the schedule outlined in Administrative Procedure 550 – Access to and Use of Buildings and Facilities and with the understanding that any extra costs must be borne by the Child Care Service Provider.

Needs for child care programs will be reviewed annually, through a process of consultation with employee groups, parents and guardians, Indigenous community members, Indigenous rights holders, Indigenous service providers, and existing child care providers. All waitlists for child care will be updated and reviewed as part of this process.

When Child Care Services is available in a District facility, a Request for Proposal will be issued. The RFP will include a preference for an operator who will deliver a program consistent with the requirements outlined in Board of Education Policy 24.

The RFP must be submitted to the Secretary Treasurer and will be reviewed by the Secretary Treasurer or designate and other District staff as outlined in Administrative Procedure 515 – Purchasing and Tendering. Child Care



Providers will be interviewed to determine suitability. Successful proponent(s) will then be presented to the Board for approval.

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