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A: POLICY

1. 1.1 The Ministry of Education supports an integrated early years and child care system in which school board and child care professionals work in partnership to provide seamless, high quality programs for children throughout the day.
- 1.2 Accordingly, it shall be a policy of the Board to cooperate with senior levels of government to provide child care spaces where feasible within its facilities when a need has been identified, appropriate space is available, and the project has the support and approval of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

B: GUIDELINES

2. The appropriate Superintendent of Education shall develop and maintain a handbook to guide and govern the establishment of licensed non-profit, community-based child care programs in the schools of the Board.
3. The Board will enter into a formal lease agreement with the Child Care Operator to govern the use of Board facilities by the Operator.
4. The Board will require any Child Care Operator using its facilities to carry a minimum of two million dollars in liability insurance.
5. The Board will encourage cooperation and sharing between its schools and Child Care Centres operating in them to ensure an efficient use of Community Resources.
6. The Board shall endeavour to include child care space in the design of new or renovated schools where funding is available to cover all construction costs.
7. The appropriate Superintendent of Education will be the representative at the Early Years Lead/Thunder Bay District Social Administrative Board Committee and Child Care Supervisory Network meetings. The purpose of these committees is to share best practices, participate in professional development and liaise with Board and Child Care Supervisors.